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RED ARMY 1 MILE SOUTH OF VIBORG

Congress Liberals Ask Halt to WPA Firing

Marcantonio Heads Group to Harrington, Urge WPA Increase

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—Liberal Congressmen launched a drive today to halt lay-offs of 800,000 WPA workers this Spring.

A delegation of nine Congressmen headed by Rep. Vito Marcantonio of New York visited Col. F. C. Harrington, WPA commissioner, to urge immediate cessation of lay-offs.

On the President's return from his ocean cruise, the group will at once see him in order to propose that he ask Congress for a deficiency appropriation to stop slashing of the WPA rolls.

Rep. Marcantonio estimated that a grant of about $150,000,000 will be needed to save the jobs of the 800,000 workers slated for discharge.

He declared that all of the Congressmen who visited Col. Harrington today were "in agreement that the President should be asked to send a message to Congress to prevent the lay-offs."

"In the face of the downspin of business and industry, the President is duty bound to recommend a deficiency appropriation to prevent mass lay-offs on WPA," Marcantonio declared.

Congressmen who saw Col Harrington includes Reps. John Coffee and Knute Hill of Washington, Frank Fries, Kent Keller and Raymond S. McKeough of Illinois, Frank Hook and Rudolph G. Tenerowicz of Michigan and James F. O'Connor of Montana.

The first demand of the Congressmen in their conference with Harrington was that the lay-offs which were planned to start March 1 be stopped.

Col. Harrington said, according to Marcantonio, that he had already

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Turk President Decries Rumors Of USSR Clash

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Feb. 29 (UP)—Premier Refik Saydam in a nationwide radiocast tonight denied all reports which might be interpreted to mean that Turkey is preparing to go to war.

"Our relations with Russia have not changed during the last six months," he said, denying Turkish military mobilization.

"We live in a time when everyone keeps his intentions secret. But I say that we have never been disposed to proceed with any kind of action against the U.S.S.R.," the Premier said.

"Is Soviet Russia going to take any action against us? To toe present, no proof has been manifested in order to suppose such an eventuality You see the rumor, according to which an incident occurred between the Soviet and us—a rumor which recently received wide attention—was without foundation and of a misleading character."

Women Petition to Keep America Out of War

WOMEN'S UNION AUXILIARY DEMANDS U. S. KEEP OUT OF WAR—Three leading members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific mail petitions to President Roosevelt on which signatures demand 'Keep America out of war.' Left to right: Mrs. Charles Englung, outgoing president of the auxiliary, Mrs. Carrie Shouten, President, and Mrs. Margaret East, past president. They sent this photo along with petitions.

Eastern States, Too, Have 'Oakies' by Thousands, Says Farm Administration

20,000 Exist in Poverty Similar to Conditions in 'Grapes of Wrath'

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Between 10,000 and 20,000 migrant families in the East exist in poverty, squalor and disease comparable to the conditions described by John Steinbeck in Grapes of Wrath, the Farm Security Administration charged today.

The Security Administration released a report on these men, women and children engaged in "rush period" farm labor from Florida to New Jersey.

The Eastern seaboard prototypes of Steinbeck's Joad family travel in old trucks and cars, in freight cars and live in squalid camps totally lacking in sanitary facilities, the administration reported. They work 12 to 18 hours a day in Florida bean fields, Georgia cotton plantations, Carolina tobacco fields and New Jersey cranberry bogs.

Highlights of the report were:

Typical housing—Two to 10 people living in each room of a 14-room shelter in Florida, each room renting for $1.50 a week.

Disease—More than 50 per cent of the migrants are syphilitics and "nothing less than a miracle" has prevented epidemis of contagious diseases.

Education — Few children attend school. In Florida "education is in competition with beans."

Food — Cooking facilities nonexistent.

Most of the migratory workers, after havesting the Florida winter vegetable crops, start North. They chop cotton and pick peaches in Georgia, work the strawberry, tobacco and vegetable areas of the Carolinas, thin apples in the Shenandoah Valley, work on truck farms on the Maryland and Delaware shores and pick cranberries in New Jersey and finally return to Florida for the winter.

Block Mayor's First Move on 'El' Demolition

Guarantees for Jobs of Transport Workers Demanded in Council

Borough President James J. Lyons of the Bronx, mustering behind him the majority vote of the Board of Estimate, yesterday temporarily blocked the first move of Mayor LaGuardia to acquire and demolish the 2nd and 9th Ave. "els" and the Fulton and 5th Ave "els" in Brooklyn.

In a session marked by one of the bitterest verbal wars ever staged in the Board of Estimate between Mr. Lyons and Council President Newbold Morris, Lyons demanded that demolition of the lines should not be considered until employes were given something more than "verbal promises" of jobs.

He asserted that the Bronx, already hampered by "inadequate transportation facilities" would be seriously inconvenienced by removal of the 2nd and 9th Ave. lines, which serve as "feeder" lines for Bronx residents traveling to and from Manhattan.

A motion to set a date for public hearings on acquisition of the lines was defeated by failure of proponents of the plan to rally a two-thirds vote. Borough Presidents Palma, Isaacs and Acting Queens Borough President Halleran voted with Mr. Lyons against setting the date.

The matter will come up at a special Board meeting today where a two-thirds vote is not needed. It is expected that the Mayor then will be able to get a majority vote.

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Scandinavians To Ask Ban on Mine-Laying

Foreign Minister of Norway Objects to British Blockade

OSLO, Norway, Feb. 29 (UP).—Foreign Minister Halvdan Koht told Parliament today that the three Scandinavian countries were preparing uniform, separate representations asking the belligerents to cease laying mines and contending that the practice violates international law.

He said that Norway does not like the British contraband policy but at the same time cannot follow Germany's advice to cut off trade with Britain.

Germany is not justified in sinking Norwegian ships touching at British contraband control ports, as the Reich claims, Koht said.

He said the applications for cessation of mine-laying were a result of the conference at Copenhagen last Sunday of the Foreign Ministers of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. His office, he said, is preparing the Norwegian application.

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Daladier Plans To Okay Japan's Grab of Manchukuo

PARIS, Feb. 29 (UP).—Premier Edouard Daladier, in an exclusive interview with the Osaka Mainichi tonight, revealed that France and Japan are preparing to open negotiations for French recognition of Manchukuo.

Snarl in State Budget Endangers Social Needs

Lehman Calls GOP Cuts 'Hocus-Pocus'; Says He'll Never Agree

ALBANY, Feb. 29 (UP).—Governor Lehman today called the Republican plan to reduce his budget by $5,600,000 "hocus-pocus—just hocus-pocus."

A day after the State Legislature Republicans voted to reduce his budget and scrap his recommendations for an increase in the personal income tax designed to raise $15,000,000 annually in new revenue, Lehman said:

"The Republican financial plan is hocus-pocus—just plain hocus-pocus. It is dishonest. It is deceptive. It creates a large deficit. It gives the state an unbalanced budget.

"Under no conditions will I agree to this Republican unbalanced budget.

Opponents centered their attacks on the $3,000,000 cut in relief funds, a $1,850,000 reduction in state aid for education and a $525,000 cut in capital outlays, as well as curtailment of such activities as the State Publicity Bureau, the Narcotic Control Bureau and the State Planning Board.

Opponents of the cut will gain support from teacher organizations, parent-teacher associations and education authorities who joined with them last year when the Republican majority struck $10,000,000 from the education aid item.

The education reduction will cut New York City's allotment of funds about $800,000 with the remainder coming from upstate areas.

By Mac Gordon
(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, Feb. 29.—The decision of the Republican caucus of the State Legislature to cut the Governor's proposed budget by $5,000,000, after weeks of bitter debate, is regarded here as a sacrifice of the interests of the people to the necessity for a Republican "economy" platform in the 1940 national elections.

It is observed, however, that the Republicans will have a difficult time proving a monopoly on economy, following the recent attitude of the Roosevelt administration, and the wholly inadequate budget presented by Governor Lehman.

The original demand of economy advocates, including some promi-

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French Put on Drastic Bread, Food Rations

Daladier Approves New Food Cutting Decree for 'Long War'

PARIS, Feb. 29 (UP).—The government of Premier Edouard Daladier today approved a series of drastic measures—including bread rationing—designed to prepare France economically for a long war.

President Albert Lebrun, at the conclusion of a session of the Council of Ministers signed about a score of decrees for intensification of production, limitation of imports, conservation of financial and other resources.

The government approved issuance of bread rationing cards and strict control of bakeries as it was decided to enforce—for the first time in France since the war started—a system similar to that already effective in Germany and Britain.

The greatest emphasis in the decrees was placed on production of food supplies and one regulation even provided for the army to cultivate farm lands in the army zone.

In Tomorrow's Daily Worker

• The Daily Worker will publish tomorrow an important analysis of recent American Labor Party developments.

The sweep of yesterday's advances by the Red Army on the Karelian Isthmus is shown in this map. The railway line running through the Mannerheim Line zone between Viipuri (Viborg) and Valkjaervi was occupied, including the stations at Pero, five miles east of Viipuri, Heinjoki, shown on map, and Aeyraepaeae, near Lake Vuoksi. The town of Ylaesainioe, just a mile south of Viipuri, is north of Sommae, shown by arrow on map.

Daladier to Try 44 Anti-War Deputies In Paris Next Week

Europe's Most Important Trial Since Famous Dimitrov Case to Be French People's Demonstration Against the War

By Philip Bolsover
(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, Feb. 29.—Europe's most important political trial since George Dimitrov defied the Nazis at Leipzig some six years ago is expected to open in Paris next week with charges against 44 Communist members of the Chamber of Deputies. The accusation against the deputies is "propagating ideas emanating from or concerning the Communist International." But the real issue at the trial is the same as that of the Leipzig trial—it is a fight between the champions and the oppressors of the people.

The trial is being conducted a few days after a slight relaxation in the censorship and a boast by Premier Edouard Daladier that political opinion is now free.

Nine deputies are to be tried in their absence and are liable to death sentences. The others are liable to five years' imprisonment. Three have now been bailed out, but the others are held like criminals in the Sante Prison. For the first time in generations, political prisoners are held in this way and not allowed to read books, write letters, study or see visitors.

The deputies are insisting on public trial and it is likely that this will be granted, but it is feared that the court will be small, allowing only police and government supporters to find room.

Undismayed by the recent events, the Communist Party of France has just sent a meassage to its General Secretary, Maurice Thorez, who is still leading the Communists of France.

"We remain at our posts," the message said. "As true sons of France we continue the struggle. More determined than ever to carry on to the end, we send warm greetings to our Secretary and express confidence in the final victory of the French people. Under the guidance of the Party, we stand side by side with the workers of France."

The message shows that the struggle for the victory of the people of France is still actively in progress.

Dateline: Moscow

Events are proving to the people of the world that the truth and nothing but the truth is to be found in those terse, factual communiques issued daily from the Leningrad military area.

Even the Mannerheim headquarters is compelled to admit the accuracy of these communiques—although the sorrowful admissions generally come three and four days late.

From the very outbreak of the fighting in Finland, the press either buried or completely omitted the Moscow communiques in favor of fantastic tales from the typewriter generals in their front line headquarters in Helsinki, Copenhagen, Stockholm and London. Now, the people can begin to appreciate that from the very beginning it was only Moscow which was telling the truth.

Whether it is a three-line communique or an address by Premier Molotov, the Soviet Union always speaks honestly and frankly to the people both of its own country and of the world. For being a Land of Socialism, whatever is in the interest of the Soviet Union is at the same time in the interest of the mass of common people the world over. The workers' republic hides nothing, for it knows that it need never fear the judgment of the people as soon as they manage to penetrate the smokescreen of anti-Soviet lies laid down by their imperialist rulers.

Key Rail Line Taken; 270 More Forts Fall

36 Enemy Planes Destroyed by Soviet Forces

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Friday, March 1.—The Red Army offensive closed in with relentless power around the key seaport of Viipuri (Viborg) yesterday, occupying the key rail line between Viipuri and Valkjaervi, 37 miles to the southeast, the Red Army announced early this morning. The town of Ylaesainioe, slightly more than a mile south of Viipuri on the Bay of Viipuri, was also taken.

The headquarters of the Leningrad military area announced capture of 270 defensive fortifications, including 66 ferro-concrete artillery forts, on Wednesday and Thursday, in addition to the 42 mentioned in yesterday's communique.

The Red Army's air force was active, destroying 36 enemy warplanes both in raids on airdromes and in sky fighting, as well as raiding White-Guard troop concentrations and military objectives.

The communique:

"Headquarters, Leningrad military area, February 29:

"Soviet troops successfully continued to develop the offensive on the Karelian Isthmus and occupied the railway line between Viipuri (Viborg) and Valkjaervi, the stations at Aeyraepaeae, Heinjoki and Pero, and also the town of Ylaesainioe and the summer cottages on the eastern coast of the Bay of Viipuri, two kilometers (1.2 miles) south of Viipuri.

"On Feb. 28 and 29, Soviet troops captured 270 of the enemy's defensive fortifications, including 66 iron and concrete artillery forts, besides the 42 mentioned in the communique of Feb. 28.

"On other sectors of the front there were no important changes.

"The Soviet air force acted against enemy troops and military objectives. Thirty-six enemy airplanes were destroyed on airdromes and in air combats."

1,080 FORTS FALL

A total of 1,080 defensive fortifications, many equal in strength to the defense works of the Maginot and Siegfried (Westwall) lines, have been taken in stride by the Red Army since it started its offensive less than three weeks ago. This is the first time in history that an offensive has driven through a modern defensive system of permanent fortifications.

The greatest advances by the Red Army have been on the Summa sector from 10 to 20 miles inland, and on the seaboard itself. Control of the eastern shore of the Bay of Viipuri was wholly in the hands of the Red Army, following the capture of Koivisto fortress and island and a network of interlocking fortified islands in the bay and astride its entrance

Viipuri: Long a Traditional Center of Finnish Workers Revolutionary Activity

By G. Stanley
(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LENINGRAD, Feb. 29.—A photograph taken in 1918 and published in the entire world press showed a man standing in the street, amidst ruins resembling a picture of Pompeii. Only brick chimneys and stoves remain, the wooden houses have been burned down. This is a picture of Viipuri (Viborg) on the day of its occupation by the Finnish White-Guards.

The inhabitants fled or were killed. The photograph was accompanied by a report of a war correspondent from Viipuri that Mannerheim's troops had razed the town to the ground.

All that has since been built by the Finnish workers in 22 years of continuous effort has again been destroyed by Mannerheim and the Schutzcorps stormtroops, in their furious hatred for the working class, a hatred which they manifested in 1918 and many times since.

MILITANT TRADITIONS

Viipuri, which the White-Guards burned down twice in less than 25 years, is a town with many associations in the history of the revolutionary labor movement. Through Viipuri, which is an important railway junction in eastern Finland, passed numerous illegal contacts of the Russian revolutinaries with their organizations abroad.

The Bolsheviks stored arms in Viipuri in preparation for the armed struggle against tsarism. Much revolutionary literature was smuggled into Russia through this town. The forests surrounding Viipuri, now the scene of battle, contain many places closely associated with the history of the Russian revolutionary movement. Lenin

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Argentine Building Trades Workers Hit War as Imperialist, Score Price Rises

BUENOS AIRES, Argentine, Feb. 29 (ICN).—Condemning the present imperialist war and denouncing the aims of both belligerent groups as being against the interests of the workers everywhere, the Santa Fe Federation of Building Workers, in a general meeting, adopted a resolution demanding that the administration adopt strong measures against those who are speculating with the miseries of the people.

The resolution reads, in part:

"The Santa Fe Federation of Building Workers, analyzing the present war that is being waged in Europe, as a menace to the whole of humanity, has come to the following conclusions:

"That the present war does not have, in itself, anything tending toward the liberty and security of the peoples of the world; rather its aims are the redistribution of the world, for the division of sources of raw materials and markets between the belligerent groups.

"That the present imperialist war will only bring to the people ruin and destruction, dooming millions of our youth, who have nothing in common with the imperialist interests, to death; that the present war means hunger, misery and unemployment, not only to the people in the warring countries but to the neutral peoples as well.

"That the consequences of the war are already being felt in Argentine, with the increase in the cost of living and a general paralysis of industry, affecting especially the construction industry, thereby increasing the army of unemployed.

"Therefore, be it resolved:

"To condemn the present war as an imperialist war and to direct our efforts toward its quick termination, cooperating with the peace movement which will help to keep the country out of war.

"To insist that the government adopt more stern measures against those who profit out of the suffering and misery of the people.

"And finally, to lead the struggle for better wages to meet the rising cost of living."

At Junin, near Buenos Aires, all the local organizations are taking part in a big mobilization for peace and betterment of the conditions of the working people. The organizations which will take part in the rally are the Workers Union Local the Railroad Union, the Building Trades Union, the Porters Union, the Food Workers Union and others.

In Mendoza, under the leadership of the local youth groups, a plebiscite will be held soon to register the opposition of the youth to the present imperialist war.

Last Letters of Irish Martyrs Published Here

Richards, Barnes Protested Innocence of Bombings in Letters to Their Relatives, Written on Eve of the Execution

The last letter of Peter Barnes and James Richards, Irish Republicans who were executed by the Chamberlain British Government for allegd participation in bombings appeared in this week's "Irish Echo."

Barnes protested his innocence of the bombing charge in the letter to his brother. Richards in a short letter to his sister, Mrs. Mary Casey Mullingar, bailed other martyrs to the cause of Irish freedom.

"I had my lawyer in on Saturday," Barnes wrote, "and he told me they were going to bring it before the House of Lords, if allowed, but I think there is poor hope. But with God's help it will be allowed.

"If some news does not come in the next hours all is over. The priest is not long gone out, so I am reconciled for what God thinks best.

"There will be a Mass for each of us that morning before we go to our deaths. Thank God I have nothing to be afraid of, I am an innocent man, and, as I said before, it will all be known yet that I am.

"The only thing that worries me now is my poor mother and father, but I know God will comfort them. I will write my last lines to mother tomorrow. I will know by then.

Richards letter said in part:

"Well, May, this is my last farewell letter to you, as I am just after being told that we have to die in the morning. I knew that I would have to die, so the news did not come as a shock to me, but, thank God, I am prepared, as I know I am dying for a good cause.

"So, May, I shall walk out in the the morning smiling, as I shall be thinking of my God and the good men who went before me fighting for the same cause."

German, British Sailors Fraternize in Neutral Port

Seamen in Norwegian Harbor City of Narvik Dine Together While Warships Ride at Anchor in the Bay

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Feb. 29 (UP).—A description of British and German warships anchored side by side in the harbor at Narvick, Norway, and British and German sailors fraternizing in restaurants ashore was received by the newspaper Berlingske Tidende here from its Norwegian correspondent.

The reporter said that although the warships were ready for a battle to the death at any time they should meet on the high seas, "British and German seamen pleasantly chiding each other at the same restaurants."

He said both sides respected their responsibilities of being peaceful in a neutral port, and that they could be seen eating at the same tables.

Narvik, in the far North Atlantic, is a vital winter port of all Scandinavia, because the ice-blocking of the upper Baltic halts ship movements there and such ports as Sweden's Luleaa, which normally handles the heavy iron ore shipments from the Gaellivara, Juosavara and Kirunavara districts of North Sweden, are now useless.

Phila. Forum to Hear Hathaway On Sunday

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 29.—C. A. Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, will address the People's Forum in Town Hall, 150 N. Broad St., next Sunday evening, March 3, on the subject "An American Looks at Europe."

IN NEWARK MARCH 10

NEWARK, Feb. 29.—"The International Situation Up-to-Date" will be discussed by C. A. Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, at the biweekly forum of the Modern Bookshop, to be held at 772 High St., Newark, Sunday, March 10, at 8:30 P. M. Hathaway will explain the recent events in Finland as well as the meaning of Sumner Welles' trip to Europe.

Soviet Masses Increase Their Bank Savings

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LENINGRAD, Feb. 29.—Deposits in Leningrad savings banks increased more than 24,200,000 rubles from Jan. 1 to Feb. 20, it was announced today. The Murmansk region banks recorded an increase of more than 4,400,000 rubles during the same period and the banks of the Karelian Autonomous Republic more than 4,200,000 rubles.

In view of the closeness of these areas to the Finnish front, it is obvious that the Soviet citizens are wholly confident in their government's ability to protect their safety.

Arrest Briton For Protesting Fascist Gov't

Shoots Arrow Through Chamberlain's Window

LONDON, Feb. 29 (UP).—A large man wearing a green sports coat and gray trousers casually drew a big bow and shot an arrow bearing a written message into one of the lower windows of No. 10 Downing Street, official residence of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, today.

The 1940 Robin Hood, whose act was seen only by a few people, was arrested.

In Bow Street Court the arrow demonstrator was identified as Joseph Green, 22, a clerk.

The paper attached to his arrow referred to social credit.

He told the court he regretted that it had been necessary for him to play Robin Hood in Downing Street.

"Today I was supposed to join his Majesty's forces to serve King and country," he said. "I think the people here should fight Hitlerism at home as well as with his Majesty's forces in France."

Green was placed under bond to keep the peace.

Chamberlain Refuses Debate on Arms to Finns

LONDON, Feb. 29 (UP).—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain refused in the House of Commons today to grant time for debate on a motion by Oliver Locker-Lampson, Conservative, that the Government should free a substantial force for instant service in Finland."

Britons Ask Gov't to Act For Peace

Shaw Among Those Who Urge Opening of Peace Parleys

LONDON, Feb. 29 (UP).—Forty-two members of the National Peace Council wrote to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today urging that the government utilize the European tour of Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, to declare its willingness to consider peace proposals from neutrals. [Welles' mission is actually to form an anti-Soviet front.]

"We are deeply concerned over the possibilities of utilizing Welles' investigation as a starting point in an attempt to find an acceptable basis for negotiations, which should not be minimized," the letter said.

Signatories included those of George Bernard Shaw, Lords Faringdon, Noel Buxton, Ponsonby and Rochester, and George Lansbury.

The signers, members of the National Peace Council, described themselves as the federation for coordinating the efforts of societies working against war.

"We share the conviction that the difficulties of making peace are likely to increase as the war proceeds and we feel that no opportunity should be neglected which offers even a remote chance of negotiating a satisfactory settlement before hostilities take a wider course," the signatories wrote.

Council Sends Condolence to Grave's Widow

Expressing sincere condolences the American Council on Soviet Relations yesterday sent a telegram to the widow of Major-General W. S. Graves, who died Tuesday.

The message signed by Mary Van Kleek, Corliss Lamont, George Marshall and Thomas L. Harris, follows:

"Twenty years ago, General Graves' wise discharge of the difficult responsibility in Siberia established his reputation as a true American and sincere democrat of calm, humane judgment. This reputation he consistently maintained. In these days of hysteria and prejudice, America can ill spare his frank and honest mind. All Americans believing in friendship between the two mightiest republics share today in a sense of loss. Sincere condolences."

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PREPARING FOR THE NATION'S SIXTEENTH DECENNIAL CENSUS: Employes of the Bureau of the Census in Washington stacking population questionnaire as the bureau forms classes for the instruction of field agents.

Chinese Troops Close In on Enemy at Wuyuan

Press Drive to Capture City in Western Suiyuan Province; Chinese Reach Environs of City, Clash With Enemy

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, China, Feb. 29.—In western Suiyuan province, Chinese forces are continuing to close in on Wuyuan, the northwesternmost point of advance of the Japanese troops, military sources said here today.

Chinese advance guards have already reached the town and engaged the enemy on the outskirts. Heavy fighting has already taken place both to the south and to the north.

A Chinese detachment advancing along the Wuyuan-Paotow highwayh as attacked Wuhashwei, less than 50 miles from Wuyuan.

Hoover Aims to Repeat '19 'Relief' Intervention Against Europe Workers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29 (UP).—Former president Herbert Hoover discussed European war "relief" measures with Polish and Finnish [White-Guard] officials here today.

He made a 45-minute appearance before the house foreign affairs committee as the senate sent to the White House for signature the $100,000,000 (M) export - import bank bill for "non-military" loans to Finland and other countries.

Testifying in support of measures for "relief," particularly in Poland and Finland, Hoover told the committee "I have no doubt that the whole of Europe will be a starvation spot after the war."

[Hoover has admitted that his "relief" ventures following the World War were actually political offensives against revolutionary workers' movements and particularly against the Soviet Union.]

He held separate conferences later with Jerzy Potocki, Polish ambassador, and Hjalmar Procope, Finnish minister, in connection with private relief campaigns with which he is identified. He then left for New York.

He added that no effort is being made to bring relief to Poles in the Soviet areas, since there is no food shortages in those areas.

Canadian Gold Miners Strike, Barricade Selves

PIONEER, British Columbia, Feb. 29 (UP).—Striking miners in the rich Pioneer gold mine built barricades, a half mile underground today and prepared to fight off provincial authorities who had orders to remove them.

The barricades, constructed by 55 sitdown strikers who demand union recognition and higher wages, were placed in the hoist room of the mine, 2,400 feet below surface.

The miners sent up word today that the air was stuffy and their drinking water was bad. Mine officials sent down two kegs of fresh drinking water.

Britain Acts to Strengthen India Defenses

LONDON, Feb. 29 (UP).—Sir Hugh O'Neill, Under Secretary for India, announced in Parliament today that the government soon will ask the House of Commons to sanction a grant of £34,000,000 (about $136,000,000) for modernization of India defenses.

Of the total £8,500,000 will be treated as a loan to India, to be repaid within five years.

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JAPAN'S AGGRESSION IN PACIFIC ALARMS OTHER IMPERIALISTS

Pravda Says Clashes Between France, Japan Over Blockade of South China Shows Sharpening Crisis Among Robbers

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 29.—The recent diplomatic clashes between Japan and France, both "imperialist rookies," relative to the blockade of South China "is graphic illustration of the sharpening of the imperialist contradictions in the Pacific Ocean," Pravda said today.

"The sharp comments of the Japan Times over the French protests to Tokyo have again drawn attention to the French-Japanese conflict," said Pravda. "The conflict is linked to the Japanese attack in South China and the blockade of the Chinese coast.

"The Hanoi-Kunming railroad is the only railroad line connecting China with the outside world. Japan has taken and continues to take all measures, both diplomatic and military, to cut off this line and to make impossible the delivery of supplies to the Chinese Government via the Indo-China border.

"Japan's effort in this direction, however, are meeting the counter-moves of other imperialist states, particularly France and the United States.

"Britain, France and the United States are following with great alarm the advance of Japan into South China and her approach to the borders of their richest colonies in southeastern Asia.

"Japan is taking advantage of the situation that has arisen in Europe to consolidate her positions in this part of the Pacific, where she has sharply clashed with the interests of other imperialist robbers, particularly French imperialism.

"The great importance that Indo-China plays in France's economy is known. As a result of the war in Europe, Indo-China is taking on particular value for French imperialism as a supplier of raw materials and products. It suffices to say that Indo-China fully covers France's consumption of rubber.

"Hence her alarm at the Japanese offensive in South China. This alarm is shared by the United States, which fears the spread of Japanese aggression in the direction of the southern seas."

Japanese Arrest Anti-War Troops, And Officer

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, China, Feb. 29.—Japanese authorities have just arrested 20 Japanese soldiers and one officer on charges of spreading anti-war propaganda in Anking, Anhwei province, it was learned here today.

French Lose Prisoners in Forest Clash

Patrol Activities on Rhine Sector Are Increasing

BERLIN, Feb. 29 (UP).—During local scouting activities in the frontier zone west of Merzig and northwest of Weissenburg on the Western Front, the French suffered losses and had to leave several prisoners in German hands, the high command communique announced today.

A "bitter hand-to-hand fight" occurred in a forest northwest of Betting, the official German News Agency D. N. B. reported in expanding the high command communique.

The German patrol has penetrated the forest area and "unexpectedly," D. N. B. said, "the Germans and the French found themselves face to face in the dense woods. For a moment there was consion and then the Germans, who had been especially trained in hand-to-hand fighting, rushed the enemy and inflicted bloody losses."

Several Germans were slightly wounded, the News Agency said, but the scouting troop returned to the German lines without losses.

PARIS, Feb. 29 (UP).—Machine gun fire along the Rhine asector of the Western Front and increasing German patrol activity in the West Vosges region were reported tonight in military dispatches from the war zone.

Elsewhere it was comparatively calm. Spring rains drenched the front, imposing a low ceiling which hampered aviation. Both the French and Germans sent planes on flights into the hinterlands.

Tokio Masses Back Deputy's Anti-war Stand

Parliament Committee 'Decides' He Should Not Be Expelled

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

TOKIO, Feb. 29. — Dismay held sway today in Japanese government and military circles at the unexpected display of sympathy and support for Deputy Takao Saito, facing expulsion from the Chamber of Deputies of the Japanese Parliament for his forthright demand that Japan withdraw her troops from China and sue for peace negotiations.

Members of the disciplinary committee named to examine the Saito case unanimously agreed that it would be wrong to expel him. Sympathy for the courageous deputy is increasing daily among members of the lower house.

Badly Needed Sugar Lost in London Fire

LONDON, Feb. 29.—Sugar rationed for candy-making fed the flames today in a factory fire which endangered the homes of 100 families, forcing them to flee.

It was London's biggest fire since the war-time blackout was inaugurated. The flames leaped fifty feet into the air.

WHY THE WORKERS' ENEMIES POSE AS FINLAND'S 'FRIENDS'

RED ARMY OFFICER REVEALS MOTIVE BEHIND SWEDISH 'ACTIVISTS' IN URGING WAR ON U. S. S. R.

GALIN—3RD ARTICLE—GAL. 1

[This is the third in a series of special cabled dispatches to the Daily Worker on Red Army Regimental Commissar A. Galin's analysis of the Finnish situation.]

III

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 29.—Red Army Regimental Commissar A. Galin, discussing in Komsomolskaya Pravda the international significance of the events in Finland, emphasized the danger of the campaign of the so-called "war activists" in the Scandinavian countries, with the Social-Democratic leaders in the forefront, for intervention against the U. S. S. R. and on behalf of Mannerheim.

For this reason, he said, the U. S. S. R. was compelled officially to protest to Norway and Sweden against these hostile campaigns.

"One thing is clear," Galin went on, "and that is that the representations made by the Soviet Government to Sweden and Norway are a grave warning to those who, in the words of the Soviet note to the Swedish government, do not sufficiently counteract those powers who wish to involve Sweden in war against the U. S. S. R.

"The Swedish government sent a special mission to the United States to negotiate a loan and to buy armaments, to fill a gap which has appeared in its arms and its budget as a result of arms shipments from Sweden to the Finnish White-Guards.

FEAR DANGER

"The struggle in Sweden has grown sharper. The activists demand immediate military intervention, but the government is opposed, realizing the great danger this adventure implies for Sweden.

The motives underlying the increased activity of a number of powers against the Soviet Union, said Galin, are military-political, economic and class considerations Finland's natural resources were exploited by British, American and Swedish capitalists, and the top layer of Finland's ruling classes were intimately tied up with the capitalists of these countries.

"Considerable Swedish capital is invested in Finnish real estate interests," Galin continued. "In the light of these facts, the humanitarian and idealistic motives of Anglo-French and American imperialism for the so-called remarkable Finnish 'democracy' personified by the hangman Mannreheim, becomes more clear.

"The Anglo-French imperialists consider with horror that the treaty of friendship and fraternity between the U. S. S. R. and Finland's People's Government may have an adverse effect on the profits of foreign capitalists. This is a possibility which is not to be cast aside.

"Lloyd George was right when he declared in his recent article (Feb. 20) that the ruling classes of Britain and France are more interested in the war against Bolshevik Russia than against Nazi Germany. The British and French bourgeoisie direct all their efforts, all their agitation and propaganda, to the end of breaking off relations between the U. S. S. R. and Germany. On the other hand, definite acts have been undertaken to bring the U. S. S. R. and Japan to loggerheads.

"The Japanese imperialists, for their part, would like to see the war in Europe dragged out endlessly, for, they hold, the longer the war, the better for Japan.

"'This war,' the Japanese newspaper Hochi writes on the war in Europe, 'is the key with which we shall open the building of the new order we have started in East Asia. It is in this sense that we must pray that this war drags on and on.'

"RACIAL" BASIS

"Likewise, Italian Foreign Minister Ciano's organ, Il Telegrafo, recently sought to prove that Finland is **'one of the most ancient centers of the North German race.'**

"What all these similar explanations meant in present terms was made clear when White-Guard Finland, situated next to the very heart of the Soviet Union, Leningrad, prepared with its patrons' aid to attack the socialist fatherland.

"There have been many instances of dual power in history. The most recent is the civil war and the dual power in Spain, resulting from the revolt of General Franco against the lawful democratic government of Spain, with the aid of other imperialist states (Britain, France, Italy, etc.). What is taking place in Finland is akin to the events in Spain, but in opposite fashion.

"In power in Finland is a White-Guard government, against which the people have revolted and began a struggle of liberation with the support of the Soviet Union.

"The People's Government in Finland is, in type and character approximately like that of the People's Front Government of Spain. The Negrin government and the Kuusinen government represent truly popular democratic power. In Spain and Finland republics were established not on the basis of formal democracy, but on the basis of confiscation of the landed estates for the benefits of the peasants and the establishment of state control over large private banks and industrial enterprises.

"This dual power status gives a special character to all events within Finland itself and related events beyond its borders, for the government headed by Kuusinen is a government which has emerged from the people, a government ready to organize the entire life of Finland for the people and in the interests of the people. Hence the fury of international capital and insane gyrations of the Finnish White-Guards.

"What, then, is the domestic policy of the White-Guard Finnish government? It drives hundreds of thousands of workers and farmers from their long-established homes. When the people refuse to leave their homes, the Schutzcorps men set fire to the houses and shoot down those who protest. When the White-Guards, under pressure of the Soviet troops, abandon positions, they set fire to factories and industrial plants, smash the machinery, destroy stocks of goods, in order to leave nothing behind for the working people of Finland!

SHOOT THE PEOPLE

"A terror utterly without precedent holds sway in Finland, hundreds are shot without trial and investigation. There is but one answer for all the discontented—shooting. Facts which have with difficulty made their way into the foreign press indicate this great discontent in Finland. It has also penetrated the army.

"What is the People's Government, and does it have support in the country? After the suppression of the 1918 revolution, the Communists on several occasions won an overwhelming majority in the Finnish trade unions, but on each occasion the police closed down the unions and the Social-Democrats at once established their own trade unions, in which membership was barred to the revolutionary workers. The prisons were systematically filled with Communists and Left workers, in order to give a guarantee of supremacy in the working class to Finnish Social-Democracy.

COMMUNISTS DEEPLY ROOTED

"Not for a moment did the repressions against the Finnish Communist Party and the Left workers cease. Fierce sentences fell on the heads of the Finnish proletarians, and the prisons were crowded to overflowing.

"On the eve of the present events, the Finnish Communist Party, working under the most difficult conditions, had nearly 1,000 members. This may seem a small figure, but such things have meaning not in absolute, but in relative figures. On the eve of the February Revolution, the Bolshevik Party had nearly 10,000 members that is, one Party member to every 15,000 persons, while in Finland, on the eve of the recent events, there was one Communist per 3,800 of the population. This means that the Communist Party is very deeply rooted in the country.

"The closeness of the Communist Party's ties with the people are shown by facts published in the newspaper Soviet Karelia and the newspaper People's Power, published by the Democratic Government of Finland. The soldiers of the White-Guard Army are coming over to the side of the People's Government as individuals and even in groups. The surviving population in towns and villages welcomed the First Finnish People's Corps and the Soviet troops as liberators.

"Now already voices are to be heard abroad urging reconciliation of the two sides, declaring that the Ryti-Tanner government is ready to accept the proposals of the Soviet Government, and so on.

"The civil war in Finland can under no circumstances end as Mannerheim's masters and patrons would like. Mannerheim on one occasion already succeeded, with the aid of foreign troops, in crushing the workers' revolution. At that time Soviet Russia was too weak to fulfill its duty to its brother Finnish people. Now the times have changed, and the people's democratic power will be victorious, whether or not this is desired in London, Paris and Washington.

Fourth Southern Negro Youth Congress in April

All-Southern Parley to Give Impetus to Right To Vote Movement

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 29.—One thousand young people will assemble in New Orleans, April 18-21 as a part of the Fourth All-Southern Negro Youth Conference to further the "right to vote movement" being organized by the Southern Negro Youth Congress with the assistance of organizations throughout the South.

With the slogans "Cast Your Vote in 1940" and "Vote the Youth Ticket," the conference will be designed to further the organization among young people of voting clubs, abolish poll tax campaigns, registration drives, and general understanding on the part of young people as to the importance of the ballot.

The Fourth All-Southern Negro Youth Conference will afford Negro youth an opportunity to discuss for the first time on a major scale the organization of 800,000 young Negroes of voting age in the United States for independent political action.

Dr. Rayford W. Logan, professor of history at Howard University and director of the voting campaign of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, will lead a symposium at the conference on "Balloting for Democracy," and assist each state delegation which will be present in its discussion on "Attaining the Vote through Community Action."

Enthusiastic support of the Southern Negro Youth Congress' efforts to make Negro young people vote conscious has come from national leaders in every major field of human endeavor.

"I wish to join with you and others in calling young people of the South to attend the Fourth All-Southern Negro Youth Conference," Dr. Marshall A. Talley, Dean of the National BYPU and Sunday School Congress, stated recently.

"The Negro youth are surging with dissatisfaction with regard to their social and economic status all over this land," Dr. Talley further pointed out. "They are also voicing," he concluded, "serious indictment against the lethargy and indifference exhibited by race leaders who are in a position to help but who are not doing so. As I see it you have come to the fore for such a time as this and I trust that you will be able to maintain your usual courage to continue to go forward without fainting."

TUSKEGEE LEADER

Among other important leaders who have joined in calling the Fourth All-Southern Negro Youth Conference are Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute, Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president of the Palmer Memorial Institute; Mr. Roscoe Dunjee, editor of the Oklahoma Black Dispatch; Miss Margaret Davis Bowen, member of the executive committee of the National Pan-Hellenic Council; Mr. W. C. Craver, secretary of the Houston YMCA; Mr. Albert W. Dent, president of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and director of the Flint Goodrich Hospital; Mr. John M. Gandy, president of Virginia State College; Mr. Wiley A. Hall, secretary of the Richmond Urban League; Mr. Charles V. Hendley, Grand Master, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama; Mrs. John Hope, Sr., of Atlanta, Ga.

Also Rev. W. H. Jernagin, president of the National BYPU and Sunday School Congress; Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier, assistant supervisor of Negro Affairs National Youth Administration; Dr. Alain Locke, professor of philosophy, Howard University; Dr. John F. Moreland, pastor of the Metropolitan AME Zionist Church of St. Louis; Dr. Wm. Stuart Nelson, president of Dillard University; Mr. G. D. Rogers, president of the Central Life Insurance Co.; Miss E. Ophilia Settle, Department of Sociology at Howard University; Miss Celestine L. Smith, national student secretary, National Student Council of the YWCA; Mr. J. B. Watson, president, Arkansas N. and M. State College; Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and Prof. Doxey Wilkerson, vice-president, American Federation of Teachers.

Negro Youth Leaders

The National Council of the Southern Negro Youth Congress at its recent session at Nashville, Tenn., where final plans were made for the Fourth All-Southern Negro Youth Conference. One thousand young people are expected to participate in the Fourth Conference which will be held in New Orleans, La., April 18-21, 1940. Seated on the front row from left to right are Mr. Walter D. Parks, Chattanooga, Mr. Thomas J. Darden, Nashville; Prof. John Rose of Fisk University, Dr. James E. Jackson Jr., Richmond; Mr. Raymond R. Tillman, New Orleans; Mr. Albert F. Seay, Chattanooga; Miss Thelma Dales, Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Edward E. Strong of Birmingham.

12 Printers Cut of City's Buying List

Firms Reported to Have Confessed to Collusive Bidding Practices

Declaring that confessions of collusive bidding involving 12 firms specializing in city printing had been obtained. Commissioner of Purchase Russell Forbes announced yesterday that the 12 firms were stricken from the bidders' list of the Department of Purchase.

The names of the printing firms or of individuals who had made the confessions were not disclosed. Evidence proving the existence of a ring of collusive bidders was obtained recently by William B. Herlands, Commissioner of Investigation.

Mr. Forbes declared that the ring's profits were derived from certain "jokers" not within the power of the Department of Purchase to prove.

"Some of these jokers, it has been believed," he stated, "were to employ a short count, to substitute inferior paper, to sublet work to non-union plants with lower wage scales, to trade standing type, plates and cuts, to omit certain essential operations such as make-ready and proper proofreading and to print by the offset process, rather than by the letter-press process required for use of the Allied Printing Trades Council label."

Hearing on NYA Funds to Start Monday

The American Youth Congress announced yesterday to its operating organizations that hearings on the appropriations for the National Youth Administration begin Monday before the Federal Security Appropriations Sub-Committee of the House.

Letters, telegrams and resolutions demanding an adequate appropriation to assure jobs and educational opportunity to America's 4,000,000 unemployed youth should be directed to the Committee Chairman, Malcolm C. Carver of Georgia.

The American Youth Congress has been pressing for a permanent N.Y.A. program on the principles of the American Youth Act which would provide for an appropriation of $500,000,000 instead of the 80 million recommended in Roosevelt's hunger and war budget. It has asked for an immediate N.Y.A. appropriation of at least $250,000,000 pending passage of its Youth Act.

Schneiderman, Darcy Defense Group Set Up

Gallagher Announces Broadening of Defense Committee

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 29. — Leo Gallagher, chairman of the Los Angeles Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights, announced yesterday that the committee had been reorganized and would be known in the future as the Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee."

"The cases of William Schneiderman and San Adams Darcy represent the spearhead of the reactionary drive against Communists and all minority groups here in California," Mr. Gallagher explained.

"It is essential that the people of Los Angeles be thoroughly advised as to the true facts of these cases and be mobilized to aid in raising the $5,000 cash defense funds necessary to fight the cases in the courts." He said the change would make possible more efficient coordination with the work of the State Schneiderman - Darcy Committee, whose headquarters are in San Francisco.

Milk Drivers Meet on Fired Sheffield Men

Union Asks Firm to Take Discharged Men Back Pending Probe

More than 1,000 Sheffield Milk Company drivers, members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 584, met yesterday to hear a report on negotiations concerning three fired members in the Bronx.

The firing issue is in the hands of the impartial chairman of the industry, Arthur S. Meyers.

Union officials said yesterday that a committee consisting of Fenton Hibbetts, Murray Zeig Zeisler and Henry Frank had asked the chairman Tuesday that the men be reinstated pending a decision of their cases.

Meyers said that he would give the ma decision on this point later, they reported.

Rank and file members at yesterday's meeting attacked the three unit system which operates in Local 584.

At present all Sheffield drivers are members of Unit 3 of the local. Independent drivers are members of Unit 1 and the Borden drivers comprise Unit 2.

Speakers at yesterday's meeting urged that the executive board of the union take steps toward consolidation of the three units. The present system, it was shown, operates to the disadvantage of the membership.

Block Mayor's First Move on 'El' Demolition

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Yesterday's verbal fireworks were climaxed by a threat of Mr. Morris to throw a glass of water in the Bronx President's face if he raised his voice again.

He raised the glass and held it in a throwing poise to emphasize the threat. He did not throw it, however, nor did Mr. Lyons lower his voice.

Borough President Isaacs joined with Mr. Lyons in protesting failure of the city to give adequate assurance that employes of the line will not be thrown on the scrap heap when the lines are demolished.

JOBS NOT GUARANTEED

Mayor LaGuardia has continually ignored demands of the Transport Workers Union that all employes of the lines will be assured employment if and when they are demolished.

Earlier in the day, at a special Board of Estimate session in the Mayor's office, LaGuardia aroused the ire of 15 building contractors through a proposal of Public Works Commissioner Irving Huie to grant to the George A. Fullen Co. without public bidding, a contract to construct the new Queens Borough Hall at the cost of $1,193,517.

In a letter to the Mayor, Huie charged that 15 contractors had "banded together and refused to bid on this contract unless its terms and conditions are radically altered to suit their demands."

The contracts argued that the Fuller Co. or any other company could not possibly complete the job by Oct. 19, 1940, the time limit set in the specifications.

They asked for an extension of two months and said if this was granted they would underbid Fuller $200,000.

The Mayor charged that the contractors were "ganging up" on the city and trying to dictate their own terms. He threatened not to go to Washington any more to appeal for funds for public construction.

The session ended with the Board agreeing to receive bids before 2 P. M. today at Mr. Huie's office at Municipal Building.

Later the Board approved the annual report for the New York City Employes' Retirement System to the State Insurance Department.

The total reserves of the Retirement System which are offset by assets actually paid in amount to $166,611,968.04.

The Board of Estimate adjourned out of respect of the memory of the late Brooklyn Borough President Raymond V. Ingersoll who died last Saturday.

In Memory
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FCC Charged With Collusion, Anti-Union Bias

Union Head Hits Proposal for Consolidation in International Field

Recommendations by the Federal Communications Commission that communications companies in the international radio and cable fields consolidate is a continuation of the FCC's "collusive employer program of merger which would result in mass lay-offs," according to Mervyn Rathborne, president of the American Communications Association.

Rathborne spoke at a meeting of radio and cable workers held in the Pulitzer Building at 63 Park Row.

The ACA is vigorously opposed to any merger of companies unless the following conditions are met:

"1. It must be in the public interest.

"2. It must contain the following guarantees for labor: No lay-offs; a shorter work week; guarantees of collective bargaining; elimination of speed-up; and increased wages."

In an earlier statement on the proposed merger, the union said: "We oppose any merger which would result in wholesale lay-offs and other injuries to the workers, and equally obviously we would support any merger which would give all the guarantees outlined above."

LABOR RIGHTS IGNORED

Rathborne in his speech said: "The FCC has asked for broad extension of its regulatory powers to cover review of corporate structures, relations between American companies and foreign governments and companies, extension and curtailment of communications facilities and other matters. The FCC indicates its purpose in requesting this extension is to guarantee financial security for the owners of the industry. But in asking for these powers, the FCC shows not the least concern for the security of labor. On the contrary, these recommendations indicate a desire on the part of the FCC to exercise control over labor standards, thereby substituting bureaucracy for collective bargaining."

Rathborne also hit efforts of the FCC to bar aliens from employment in the communications industry. "The FCC," he said, "sounds an ominous note when it requests the power to determine whether or not an alien shall have the right to a job, or those aliens now employed to retain their jobs, with specific reference to radio and cable operations. Even the most reactionary elements in Congress have not succeeded to date in obtaining passage of legislation depriving an alien of the right to work in private industry."

Social Needs Endangered in Budget Snarl

Lehman Calls GOP Cuts 'Hocus-Pocus'; Says He'll Never Agree

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nent legislators, was a cut of $15,000,000, the amount which the Governor proposed to raise by new taxes. The tremendous demonstration of labor and progressive groups at the budget hearing on Feb. 12, however, made it impossible for the legislators to agree on how to go through with a cut of that size. The smaller cut is made in the hope that the amounts cut on each item are so small that it will not be possible to arouse mass action around them.

It is significant that $3,000,000 of the $5,000,000 cut comes out of relief to the unemployed.

Strong reaction to the relief cut proposed by the Republican caucus may yet make it impossible of passage.

Teachers Union representatives expect to continue the fight against any cuts in state aid to education, and have indicated belief that several Republican legislators will not accept the caucus decision to cut $1,500,000 from state aid.

The proposed budget cuts and the changes made by the Republicans in the Governor's tax program will actually increase taxes for the small taxpayers of the state. The cuts in relief and state aid to education will require higher local taxes in order to permit local communities to make up as much as is essential of the amount cut by the state. Last year's experience with the 10 per cent cut in state funds for education resulted in raising of school and property taxes in the majority of the state's school districts.

In addition, the Republicans propose to take from the state treasury $4,000,000 in taxes previously shared with the local communities. The amount lost by the communities in this fashion will have to be made up by increased local taxes. The Republicans' proposed budget cuts, therefore, are directed against the unemployed, the small taxpayers, and the state's educational system. A strong movement among the groups affected, as well as a continuation by labor of the splendid movement developed around the budget hearing, may force the Republicans to backtrack.

Schwellenbach Hits 'Anti-Alien' Bills in Congress

Speaks Over National Radio Hookup on Eve of Washington Parley of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 29.—Senator Lewis B. Schwellenbach of Washington today denounced four dozen anti-alien bills now pending in Congress as a menace to the civil liberties of the American people.

Schwellenbach spoke over a national radio hook-up under the auspices of the Fourth Annual Conference of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born.

The conference will be opened on Saturday afternoon with addresses by Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, James B. Carey, secretary of the CIO, Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress and Rev. Herman F. Reissig. Dr. William Allan Neilson, president emeritus of Smith College, will be chairman of the conference.

"Do you think that Thomas Jefferson or any other of the original patriots would countenance measures which are being advocated today?" Schwellenbach asked.

"If they had, we would never have enjoyed a democracy here. We still would be English colonies."

Senator Schwellenbach assailed as "the height of political demagogy" one of the anti-alien bills would provide for the immediate deportation of all non-citizens.

Emphasizing that these measures are a threat to citizens even more than to non-citizens, Schwellenbach said:

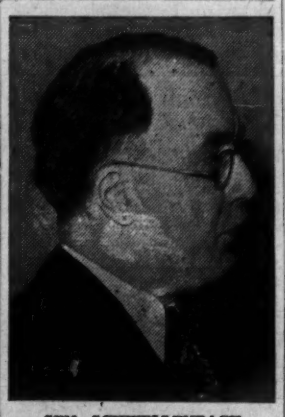
"My appeal is not on behalf of the alien—it is on our own behalf. We don't dare permit these emotions to be kindled in our midst. The fate of any individual alien who might be injured by such legislation is not important as compared with the fate of our own people who will ultimately be injured thereby.

TREASURES LIBERTY

"We in America inherit a treasure. That treasure is not in gold or land or other resources. It is the treasure of liberty. The right to be free, the right to think and to speak, and to print, and to worship, —these are our inheritances.

"He who strikes at them strikes at our democracy itself. He who would restrict and limit the rights of any within our shores endangers the right of all within our shores. He would ask us to hate and fear our neighbors, just because they are not citizens, asks us to light a fire which might well consume us all.

"He may wrap himself in the cloak of patriotism. He may attempt to charm with impossible promises—but he can not deceive those who truly understand American democracy because the hate and fear he teaches is foreign to it."



SEN. SCHWELLENBACH

Paterson Silk Mill Fire Causes Heavy Loss

HALEDON, N. J., Feb. 29 (UP).—Fire at the Haledon Silk Mills, Inc., plant here today caused damage estimated at $75,000. Firemen were summoned from Paterson

Bellevue to Get Grassed Rest Spot

Estimate Board Receives Resolution for New Area from Isaacs

Bellevue Hospital will soon possess an additional 124,000 square feet of grassed area fronting East River, according to a resolution introduced at the Board of Estimate yesterday by Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs of Manhattan.

"I hope that this new beautiful addition to the Bellevue Hospital property will be used by the hard-working doctors nurses and other employes of Bellevue Hospital and, of course, the patients," Mr. Isaacs said.

"Bellevue Hospital is sorely in need of such open space and I hope this new land will not be built upon but will be used for the purposes of rest and recration only."

The new-made land was constructed by filling in the East River from the old shoreline to the new bulkhead of the East River Drive, Mr. Isaacs' major construction project.

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FUR TRIAL WITNESS TRAPPED TRYING TO COVER UP LINKS

Defense Scores Heavily as 'Anti-Trust' Attack Against Gold, Other Union Leaders Completes Its Second Week

By George Morris

The testimony of a witness upon whom the government laid great hope to link Ben Gold, President of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, to alleged violence in 1933, fell like a house of cards yesterday when, in the final moments of an entire day's cross-examination he was smo.ed out as himself closely related to leaders of the convicted racketeers in the fur industry.

He is David Silverman, head of the New York office of the Silverman Fur Corp. one of the largest fur dealers in the country. Silverman was the 12th witness of the government in the trial on a six and one half year indictment against Gold and 24 other union leaders for alleged violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

The trial will complete its second week today.

For an entire day the four defense attorneys had Silverman over the coals. The fur union lawyers tried to get him to tell of what he knows of various people in three racket associations which in 1932-33 jointly with the Lepke-Gurrah gang held the industry and its workers in terror.

Silverman disclaimed knowledge of anyone and a hundred times repeated that he never heard of the indictments in the fur industry which for weeks dominated the front pages of newspapers here.

As Silverman sat on the witness chair he felt quite secure of himself, engaged in frequent wisecracks, bandied words, evaded definite answers, and even insulted attorneys of the defense. Repeated protests to Judge William Bondy for allowing such conduct did not bring even a mild rebuke.

Silverman's story was, that on the morning of March 22, 1933 he found the window of his place broken open and a strong smell of acid that was apparently thrown in through a glass bomb. He hadn't the slightest idea of the source or what individuals may have been connected with the act. But 5 years later, in 1938, when he had occasion to meet Ben Gold in the office of another firm, he said he turned down a proposal to meet Gold on contract negotiations on a claim that it was Gold's union that was responsible for the 1933 acid throwing.

He alleged further, that in reply, Gold told him that violence had long ago dissapeared in the industry and could no longer be ground for blocking good labor relations. Silverman told this phase of the conversation in a way as to leave the inference that Gold conceeded that HIS union in the past had engaged in violence. It is upon the latter point that Berkley Henderson, assistant U. S. Attorney General, built his case on Gold.

THE WITNESS COLLAPSES

Silverman's collapse came in the final ten minutes of cross-examination, after the Defense had in fact announced that it was through with him. Before dismissing him Judge Bondy asked several questions regarding the last time he (Silverman) and Henderson had gone over his testimony, and whether Henderson had advised him to what he should swear to.

"Mr. Henderson asked me if I am ready to repeat before this jury what I told the Grand Jury." Silverman replied.

"What Grand Jury?" asked the Judge.

"The jury that met in this very building in September, 1933," Silverman replied to a dumbstruck court and a very much embarrassed prosecutor.

The grand jury before which he testified in September, 1933 is the one that handed down two indictments upon which Louis (Lepke) Buchalter and Jacob (Gurrah) Shapiro, 100 fur industry employers and three associations were convicted.

Louis Boudin, chief attorney for the defense then jumped to take the witness again.

"Didn't you say you never even heard of the indictments in the fur racket?" Boudin fired at him.

Here the witness saw the blow coming and prepared to cushion the effect with a remark that he "occasionally" heard some "casual" remarks but the "whole mess" didn't interest him.

"But you testified before the very grand jury that handed down the indictments, didn't you?" Boudin shouted at him.

With a straight face, this man who claimed he graduated from a college, and heads a firm doing business valued at millions, said he didn't know if it was the racket grand jury. He further made the claim that he never took an interest to follow up the outcome of the affair in the newspapers. He forgot entirely who composed the "group" of employers that on that same day came to testify before the grand jury.

The full relationship between this man and convicted racketeers did not come out in the trial as Judge Bondy ruled out anything that did not relate to Silverman's direct testimony.

But this much was brought out:

INTERESTING REVELATIONS

That the sales manager of the Silverman Fur Corp. is Sam Cohen who was director of Fur Factors, Inc., one of the three racketeering association that was indicted; that Cohen is a stockholder in the company and became connected with the firm immediately after he was indicted.

With the same straight face that he maintained during the entire trial, Silverman said he never knew of Cohen's connections, nor did he know that Cohen pleaded guilty and was a principal in the racket trial which occurred in 1936.

Cohen had recently served a four-month prison sentence growing out of his conviction. In the days before the fur workers drove out the gangster supported leadership of Morris Kauffman (convicted director of the Muscrat racketeering outfit), Cohen was the chief of the strongarm division of the union. It is when these elements were driven out of control that they joined with employers and the Lepke-Gurrah gang to control prices and drive the workers into the shell of an A. F. of L. union they retained.

Silverman's credibility was very low throughout his testimony, as he dodged direct answers and used the word "probably" in almost every case. His memory was conveniently a "blackout." But the final ten minutes brought his entire testimony down to zero.

As in earlier days, Henderson brought another witness to the stand, Benjamin Jackowitz, a Newark fur dealer, who didn't have a thing to say regarding the charge in the indictment or any of the 25 defendents. Again the judge admonished the prosecutor for failing to tie his questions with any of those on trial. Henderson "confessed" that he didn't know how he could do it, and Jackowitz was dismissed.

Scandinavians To Ask Ban on Mine-Laying

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Inasmuch as both the Allies and Germany have sown extensive mine fields in waters traversed by Norwegian ships, it was assumed the applications would go both to the Allies and Germany.

The foreign Minister revealed that Norway so far has lost 50 ships because of the war, totalling 100,000 tons and comprising 2.3 per cent of the Norwegian merchant fleet. In the sinkings 350 Norwegian sailors lost their lives.

LONDON, Feb. 29 (UP). — Informed British circles considered it improbable tonight that Britain would accede to Norway's request to abandon mine-laying, which the British regard as the best protection for their coastline. Official sources declined to comment.

Congress Liberals Ask Halt to WPA Firing

Marcantonio Heads Group to Harrington, Asks WPA Increase

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advised WPA officials to hold up the lay-offs until April 1.

Unless the further proposal of the liberal Congressmen for a deficiency appropriation is agreed to, this will mean that the 800,000 lay-offs will take place in the three huge installments: On April 1, May 1 and June 1.

But the time the cutting process is completed, the WPA rolls will be down to about 1,500,000 at the end of June.

At that time, the relief estimates made by the President in his budget message provide for a new series of cuts which will gring the relief rolls still lower during the Summer months.

Col. Harrington said that relief rolls are now at about 2,300,000. He added that the maximum authorization of 2,400,000 for February was not reached because bad weather kept many workers away from their jobs.

The WPA head announced that 2,348,000 jobs will be authorized for March. This will probably mean that WPA rolls will be maintained just at about the same levels as at present for the next month.

Stressed particularly by the liberal Congressmen in their talk with Harrington was the downward trend of business and unemployment which would make the drastic WPA slashes disastrous not only for the unemployed but for the entire economic situation of the country.

1,160,000 MORE JOBLESS

One striking indication of this trend was given yesterday when Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins reported that 1,160,000 non-agricultural workers lost their jobs in January.

Rep. Marcantonio declared that the demand for a deficiency appropriation would be but one step in the fight of the liberal Congressmen for adequate relief.

He said that the group which saw Harrington today was prepared to fight for a much higher appropriation for the 1941 fiscal year than the $1,000,000,000 recommended by the President which entails a cut of $477,000,000 from the year's appropriation.

Rep. Marcantonio has introduced a bill known as "The American Standards' Work and Assistance Bill" which proposes sweeping improvements in the WPA program.

The bill provides for a works program which will give 3,000,000 jobs at prevailing hourly wages and monthly wages of $70, elimination of the 18-month clause and other restrictive provisions of the Woodrum bill and payment of federal funds to assist the states in providing decent standards of direct relief.

During the last few days, the bill, which incorporates many features long advocated by the Workers' Alliance and the CIO, has been picking up support among liberal Congressmen.

Reps. Geyer and Tenerowciz introduced the bill today which gives the measure the joint sponsorship of three Congressmen. Two or three additional Congressmen may introduce the measure during the next few days.

A. B. Magil to Speak On Civil Liberties

A. B. Magil of the New Masses editorial staff will speak this evening at 8:30 o'clock at the Progressive Forum, 430 Sixth Ave., on "War and Civil Liberties."

Flash Floods Leave Thousands Homeless in California

SCENES AS RAIN-SWOLLEN STREAMS FLOODED CALIFORNIA — Volunteer workers (left) build an emergency levee at Pescadero. Torrents struck havoc among homes of migratory workers. Other photo shows a street under water in Pescadero.

More Levies Break in Cal., Damage Heavy

4,000 Homeless, 2 Dead As Swollen Rivers Break Through

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29 (UP). —The flooding Sacramento River, which already has taken two lives and made nearly 4,000 persons homeless, broke through another series of levies today.

The river, swollen by rains and melted snow in the mountains, smashed its artificial banks, reinforced after a flood two years ago, in the Princeton-Butte City-Glenn area north of Colusa and spread over the adjacent farm lands to a depth of 12 feet.

The area was not thickly populated, however, and authorities said the new inundation, while damaging to farms, probably would not endanger any lives. The three-day flood already has caused damage estimated at $5,000,000 in the rich northern California agricultural valley.

Aside from the levee breaks the situation appeared to be improving along the Sacramento and in the Russian River and Eel River areas along the California north coast where the waters definitely were receding and the flood danger was considered ended.

Nature came to the aid of the flood-fighters. The sun came out as heavy rain clouds passed on. Temperatures dropped too, slowing the melting of snow. The U. S. Weather Bureau forecast fair weather for tonight and Friday.

The flood fight centered along a 150-mile front from Sacramento north to the town of Kennett above Redding. WPA, state, and local workers which were higher than they were in 1937 when floods caused $7,000,000 damage. Most of the levee network had been built higher since then, a factor which has kept the damage so far from surpassing the 1937 total.

Cachin Ousted From French Senate

PARIS, Feb. 29. — The Senate voted unanimously to eject from its membership Marcel Cachin, chairman of the Communist Party of France, for failing to disavow formally Communist allegiance. There were two abstentions.

French Scientist Dies

PARIS, Feb. 29 (UP). — Prof. Alexandre Besredka, chief of the Laboratory of Pasteur Institute, died yesterday. He was 70. It was learned that recently he had been experimenting with a formula for vaccination against cancer.

West Side Irish Hear Gurley Flynn Denounce Hanging of IRA Men

Irish-Americans and other friends of Irish independence numbering more than 600, crowded Public lic School No. 11 at 314 W. 21st St. last night and heard Elizabeth Gurley Flynn denounce British imperialism. The meeting was called by the Communist Party.

Miss Flynn, the descendant of two martyred Irish revolutionists, who fell in the United Irishmen's rising of the late eighteenth century, assailed the murder of Barnes and Richards, the two I. R. A. men executed recently in Birmingham.

"The British Empire always hangs Irishmen, when she goes into a "war for democracy," she said.

She urged Irish Americans to strike a blow against British imperialism, a blow for the freedom of Ireland and a blow for themselves by keeping America out of Chamberlain's war.

The crowd enthusiastically applauded.

British and Wall Street propaganda, warned Miss Flynn, was trying to draw Americans into war on the side of Chamberlain's ally, Baron Mannerheim, the Finnish butcher, who has smashed the unions and slaughtered thousands of the trade unionists of Finland.

Aid to Mannerheim, Chamberlain's partner, is aid to the enemies of Ireland, she pointed out.

Irish people can understand why Finnish people will welcome the Red Army's aid against their oppressors, said Miss Flynn. The Irish welcomed the aid of revolutionary France in the seventeen nineties, just as the Americans welcomed the French in our own revolutionary war.

Six Injured In Brooklyn Chemical Blast

Six men were injured yesterday in an explosion at the plant of the Reichhold Chemical Corporation, Brooklyn (105 Bedford Ave.).

Four of the injured were treated by ambulance surgeons at the scene. Two, critically injured, were removed to hospitals.

Approximately 200 other employes escaped from the two-story brick building without injury.

Those hospitalized with serious burns were William Raven, 26, of (89-24 127th St.) Richmond Hill, who was taken to Wyckoff Heights Hospital, and Albert Rehm, 22, of (35-34 95th St.) Jackson Heights, who is in Greenpoint Hospital.

Infant Mortality Rate Hits New Low Level

Only 56 infant deaths were recorded and the infant death rate for the week ending last Saturday, Feb. 24, was 28.4 per thousand live births, according to the weekly statistical report handed yesterday to Health Commissioner John L. Rice, by Registrar of Records Thomas J. Duffield.

"This rate," says the report, "is significantly below the expected value for the week—48.3. It is also the lowest infant death rate to be recorded since the week ending November 4, 1939, when 51 infant deaths were recorded and the rate was 26.1. This is the first time in the city's history that an infant mortality rate below 30 has been recorded so early in the year."

13 Injured in N.Y. to Miami Train Accident

CALLAHAN, Fla., Feb. 29 (UP).—The crack Atlantic coast line railroad train "Vacationer" was derailed here today and 13 passengers were injured.

Six coaches, a club car, two diners and a baggage car left the rails. None of the injured passengers required hospital treatment.

Those listed as injured were Mrs. Esther Berman, Brooklyn; Edward Earney, Lincoln, Mass.; Mrs. Clare Morganstein, New York City; Mrs. Anna Posener, South Fallsburg, N. Y.; Mrs. Anna Levitan, Long Island; Mrs. H. Milkin, Brooklyn; Mrs. S. W. Shermat, Utica, N. Y.; Mrs. M. Kibitz, New York City; Mrs. John Rao, Ft. Lee, N. J.; Mrs. Sylvia Slatkin, Brooklyn; Marmon Slatkin, Brooklyn; Mrs. Edith Ullman, Far Rockaway, N. Y., and Mrs. Morris Lezitan, Brooklyn.

A preliminary investigation indicated the accident was caused by a faulty wheel on one of the coaches.

Dr. J. Riley, a Miami Beach physician, who was on the train, rendered first aid to the injured.

All passengers were transferred to the southbound Miamian, after an hour's delay.

British Workers Face New War Tax on Wages

LONDON, Feb. 29 (UP).—Britons soon may be compelled to invest 15 per cent of their wartime wages in government bonds to help pay war costs.

Lord Hankey, Minister Without Portfolio in the War Cabinet, told the House of Lords last night that such a plan, worked out by J.M. Keynes, an economist, had not been rejected.

Keyenes described his plan to 200 Parliamentary leaders of all parties. He called it a "deferred payment" plan, explaining the need for cutting down civilian consumption and increasing exports in order to pay for essential imports.

Police Break Up Picket Line

Local No. 1237 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, reported yesterday that police broke up the picket line in front of the Underwood Typewriter service and repair plant at No. 1 Park Ave. yesterday noon.

Four pickets were arrested and later released, said Organizer Sidney Gilbert. A police inspector threatened further police attacks.

Two hundred and fifty workers are striking for a living wage and union recognition. They get a minimum of $15 a week now and ask equal pay for equal work and standard wage scales.

Picketing was resumed at 4:30 P.M.

Missouri Legion Post Bars Aid To Mannerheim

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 29. —Lue Lozier, Missouri commander of the American Legion, today refused a request that Legion posts be permitted to collect contributions for a "help Finland fund" organization.

"The members of the American Legion are Americans first, and as such believe both in neutrality and Americanism causes," he said. "How then can the American Legion, as an organization, consistently lend its offices toward the collection of funds for any of the warring nations?"

Local 48 Members Picket Officers

Protest Setup of Committee Examining Candidates for Elections

The office of the Italian Cloakmakers, Local 48, International Ladies Garment Workers Union at 231 East 14th St., was last night picketed by about 50 members of the union as inside the election and objection committee was in session examining candidates for the local's election next month.

The pickets, members of the Unemployed Cloakmakers of Local 48, carried signs charging that the union's administration is a "dictatorship" and that its officials seek to perpetuate themselves in office.

Mario Cafiso, spokesman for the pickets, said his group was denied a representative on the election and objection committee and therefore it was useless for candidates they nominated to go through an examination as "there is no chance" in an election. He charged that in the past the practice by the administration was to disqualify opposition candidates. They further protested against the appointment of an election and objection committee from the International office to examine candidates in place of one elected by the membership.

Inside, Mr. Edward Molisoni, manager and Frank Comunale, his assistant, appeared quite disturbed by the picket line. They claimed that the election was being carried through according to the local's constitution and sharply denounced those outside.

Potemkin Appointed Commissar of Education

MOSCOW, Feb. 29 (UP).—Vladimir Potemkin, first assistant Commissar for Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Commissar of Education in the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic, it was announced tonight.

112 Greek Merchant Seamen Jailed for Year

ATHENS, Feb. 29.—A hundred and twelve Greek seamen in the merchant fleet were sentenced to a year in prison today on charges of "insubordination" while their ships were in American and European harbors.

The prosecution's charge that they were "influenced" by Communists indicated that they had opposed shipping into war zones.

Impaled on Fence In 4-Floor Fall

When Herman Weisman, 35, a window-cleaner, of 926 Bronx Park South, the Bronx, climbed out a fourth-floor window at 1495 Amsterdam Ave., yesterday, the sash he was holding gave way and he plunged to a rear courtyard, his body being impaled on an iron fence. He was taken to Knickerbocker hospital suffering from severe injuries.

Have you clipped the "Browder Library" Certificates today?

ALP Opens Special County Convention

Impartial Arbitrator Supervises Session for Court

The special New York County Convention of the A. L. P. opened last night at Commercial High School, 155 W. 65th St., under the supervision of Herman Hoffman, impartial arbitrator appointed by the Supreme Court.

Victory for the progressives was forecast by Morris Watson, chairman of the progressive committee to rebuild the ALP. Watson said 90 per cent of the county committeemen of the regular ALP clubs were supporting the progressives.

A line reaching from the high school to Broadway sought admission to the convention.

The hall was heavily policed and delegates were admitted in batches of five.

Hoffman, opening the meeting according to the instructions of Justice Wasservogel, called for the election of a permanent chairman for the convention. The chairman was to appoint committees on credentials, by-laws, and nominations, subject to the approval of the convention.

The committees were to retire and report to the session.

The County Committee meeting was abruptly adjourned, when it met on Oct. 6 last, by Harry Greenberg, former chairman and Old Guard clique member. Greenberg, having failed of election to the county committee, was not admitted last night.

At the October meeting Greenberg and the reactionary faction, sponsored by Alex Rose, David Dubinsky and others, was losing the election. Greenberg leaped from the platform, declaring the meeting adjourned.

Vice-Chairman Eugene B. Connolly took the chair and declared the meeting still in session. Connolly has since been elected chairman.

The legality of the meeting was taken before Justice Wasserfogel who ordered the convention continued from the point where Greenberg had adjourned it on Oct. 6.

Nominating petitions for place in the April primaries have been filed by progressives in all 62 A.D.s in Manhattan and in a majority of 88 upstate districts. These slates are for five state committeemen from each district and for delegates and alternates to the presidential convention.

54 Alliance Members Stage Relief Protest

Fifty-four members of the Workers Alliance declined to leave District Office 34 of the Home Relief Bureau at 4046 Broadway, Washington Heights, yesterday, until they were promised quick action on three emergency cases needing relief.

The demonstration of solidarity with the three cases, two of them Negro and one white, was staged after they had been given the runaround for several weeks.

The dispute arose after the assignment of a new case supervisor, Ethel M. Caution, who announced before her appointment that she didn't "like the Workers Alliance."

The 54 were threatened with arrest, but th; left the office only after administrator Cora Lieberman promised to act on the cases no later than Saturday.

Sweden Bars Transport For Communist Papers

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 29 (UP). — Transportation of all "subversive" literature by government controlled facilities, chiefly railroads, was forbidden today in accordance with a decree voted by Parliament yesterday. Among publications affected by the law were Ny Dag and Nordlyset, Two Communist newspapers.

Viipuri: Long a Traditional Center of Finnish Workers Revolutionary Activity

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went into hiding there in 1906.

Founded by the Swedes under Torkel Knutson as a fortress against the Russians in 1293, and used as a base in suppressing the Karelians, the town stands today amidst picturesque surroundings, sheltered by the Bay of Viipuri.

TIMBER TOWN

Viipuri is an important Finnish timber export port and through the Saimaan Canal into Lake Saimaa, built in the middle of the last century, it is connected with Finland's timber districts. A large part of its 50,000 population are port workers, railwaymen and workers in sawmills, the paper and food industries, and several small machine construction plants.

Viipuri came into the possession of Russia in 1710 and after Russia's peace with Sweden it was included in the Grand Duchy of Finland. Viipuri was an important tsarist fortress.

It is frequently mentioned in the history of the Russian labor movement. There contact between the Finnish labor movement and the revolutionary movement against tsarism was particularly close, and the Viipuri workers always helped their Russian comrades.

This explains why the Bolsheviks chose this town for storing arms in preparation for the 1905 Revolution. The arms were intended for the fighting in Petrograd (now Leningrad). In Viipuri, members of the Technical Fighting Group of the Russian Social-Democratic Labor Party were haled before the tsarist court in 1907.

EARLY BOLSHEVIK CENTER

In 1917, Viipuri had a large Bolshevik organization numbering 560 members, most of them army soldiers. The organization also maintained contact with the local Finnish labor movement.

It was the Finnish workers of Viipuri who, together with the sailors and soldiers, issued an appeal to the Finnish proletariat on Jan. 22, 1918, calling for active class struggle against the bourgeoisie.

LIES AND FORTS

The appeal of the Viipuri Soviet of Workers and Soldiers Deputies, issued jointly with all local labor organizations and the troops and sailors stationed in Viipuri, was a call to struggle against the Mannerheim White-Guards, who were then marching on Viipuri, bent on capturing this strategic point on the approaches to Red Petrograd.

Mannerheim succeeded in capturing the town and, on May 10, 1918, the White-Guards began savage slaughter of the intrepid fighters for the cause of the Finnish people.

The bonds of solidarity between the Viipuri workers and the Russian workers were strong because the influence of the nearby revolution in Petrograd was always felt among the Viipuri workers. The fortifications erected by the British General, Walter Kirke, and the lies spread by the warmongers, failed to sever these indissoluble bonds, which were forged in joint struggle against tsarism, the White-Guards and the intervention.

Lenin described these strong bonds of friendship in an article, "The Tsar against the Finnish People," written in 1909, by the following words:

"No matter what bitter moments the new struggle holds in store for the courageous Finnish proletariat, it will serve to cement the new bonds of solidarity between the working class of Finland and Russia, preparing it for the time when it will be strong enough to complete what it began in 1905."

In the same article, Lenin wrote:

"Finland's proletariat knows that the socialist proletariat throughout Russia is prepared to fulfill its duty to the end."

A Branch Meeting of Florida Communists Sends a Message of Solidarity North

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. Feb. 29.—Three comrades caelled to take us to a Friday meeting of a new branch of Negro comrades in a small community 20 miles outside of Jacksonville.

We got in the old Chevvy with Comrade Alex Trainor, state party organizer, at the wheel.

As we crossed the bridge near Ortega, the moon caught the McGirts River full, and it shimmered with silver moon beams. . . . It was nine o'clock at night when we reached the bungalow on the dirt road off the main highway. . . . The comrade who lived in this bungalow was the grandmother of the four small children who sat close to the fireplace. The reflection of the flames touched their faces, as the children quietly waited for the mother.

Comrade R. walked in after nine, coming in from her usual 12-hour day as a domestic worker and had a warm welcome handshake for her visiting comrades. The children were glad to see their mother and greeted her with kisses. The children said goodnight to everyone and their grandmother took them in the back room to sleep.

In a little while three other comrades came in. One comrade was formerly a working preacher. Lots of preachers like this in the south, who labor six days and preach on the seventh. It seems this comrade was laboring as a farmer from sun up to sundown and to-nite he was at his branch meeting. . . .

Comrade farmer, whose wife had given birth to their sixth child eleven days before was a little disappointed because the new boy missed being born on Lincoln's birthday by one day. He was a bit worried over a white railroad man who was trying to steal the piece of land that the farmer had cleared and fenced with his own hands 27 years before. But the comrade simply said, "They'll never get my land from me, I know how to fight."

THE MEETING STARTS

Two other comrades came in. One a woman up in her fifties, the other a mechanic, young with a broad smile, and a clasp like a steel crane.

Comrade mechanic called the meeting to order, and then we sat together, five Negro comrades and five white comrades meeting in the deep south.

It was good to see the Daily Workers come out, and the comrades of the new branch pledge to buy and distribute 10 Dailies, and out of their hard earned pennies put up the cash for the next bundle. . . .

The place was warm, not only with crackling southern pine, but the warmth of the richness, humour and humanity of the Negro people. Workers who catch fish in McGirts and St. Johns rivers to add to their food stuffs, the farmer, who follows his mule and digs the furrows deep, the domestic worker who raises two families, that of her white boss, and her own five children. . . .

Eagerly they talked about their plans. . . . They would get every family in the community to send letters to their senators to demand the passing of the Federal anti-lynch bill. . . . The comrade farmer made a motion that comrade R. should be sent to Birmingham for the Southern Negro Youth congress. . . . She eagerly accepted, I was told that the comrade farmer had walked over eighteen miles to collect nickels and pennies, when he was sent as a delegate to the National Negro Congress in Chicago a few years back.

And while all the democratic party demagogues were getting ready for another primary of phony platforms — and phony promises, only our Party was going to the homes of the Negro and white workers, becoming part of their lives, discussing their problems, organzing and living with them. . . .

It was eleven o'clock, and we still had the twenty mile ride ahead of us; so we said goodnight and our comrades pleaded with us to come back soon, and we promised. . . .

We got in the car, then had to get out, for the farmer would not think of letting us go, before we drank a toast to his new boy, with his delicious homemade beer. . . . So we drank a 'Good-Health,' to the new baby, the new branch, and to all our new comrades. . . .

As we left comrade Trainor said, "when you go back to New York, tell the comrades to become south-conscious for if we don't win the south for progress we will never live to see a Socialist America."

UNIONS MARK PEACE DAY APRIL 6

Chi. Unions to Hold Anti-War Parley Mar. 16

Sponsored by CIO, AFL, Railroad Union; Send Call to 1,000 Groups

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—Sponsored by a committee representing CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods and other organizations, a "Keep America Out of War" Conference has been called for March 16 at 2:30 P. M. at the Midland Hotel 172 W. Adams St.

The conference call, sent to more than 1,000 organizations, warns of efforts being made to involve this country in "Europe's mess," and declares that "only the common efforts of the people" can defeat those who want war.

"The 95 per cent of the American people who want peace," states the call, "must not be terrorized by the profit-seeking minority into submission to their war plans."

The call describes the purpose of the conference "to work out concerted action to defeat the war-makers and protect the rights of labor, as well as of the social and economic conditions of the people.

Meet Tonight for April Peace Rally

Conference of Local Unions at Hotel New Yorker to Prepare Plans for Big Anti-War Rally on Anniversary of Date U.S. Went to War

New York trade unionists will raise their voices for peace at a huge demonstration April 6 in Madison Square Park.

Tonight at the Hotel New Yorker, Room 543, an arrangements committee for the demonstration, which was set up at a meeting in the same hotel Wednesday night, will meet to prepare a call to all local unions for a conference in March at which the plans will be completed.

The Committee will be known as the New York Peace Committee for April 6.

Sponsors for the demonstration which will take place in the afternoon will be proposed at tonight's session. Speakers for the rally will be decided on at the conference in March.

INITIATED BY N. M. U.

The action for the peace day demonstration was initiated by the National Maritime Union which passed a resolution at its membership meeting in January favoring such a demonstration.

On Feb. 2 a letter was sent by Ferdinand Smith, N. M. U. national secretary to several New York unions urging them to take similar action.

The NMU resolution, citing the peril to American unions if the country enters war, assailed the transfer of American ships to foreign flags and ownership and assailed public officials who are in the vanguard of the war movement.

"Instead of solving America's number one problem of unemployment."

Unions which participated in the Wednesday conference were:

American Newspaper Guild, Bakers' Union Locals No. 87 and No. 3, Dining Car Employees Local No. 370, Cooks and Countermen's Union Local No. 325, Carpenters' Local No. 1663, Cafeteria Workers' Union No. 302, Federation of Architects, Engineers Chemists and Technicians, International Workers Order, Painters' Union, State, County and Municipal Workers, Transport Workers Union, United Electrical Radio Machine Workers of America, United Wholesale and Warehousemen's Union, American Youth Congress, Theatere Arts Committee, International Typographical Union Local No. 6, Furniture Workers' Union Local 76-B, Workers Alliance, Furriers Joint Council.

Newark CIO Forms "Yanks" Committee

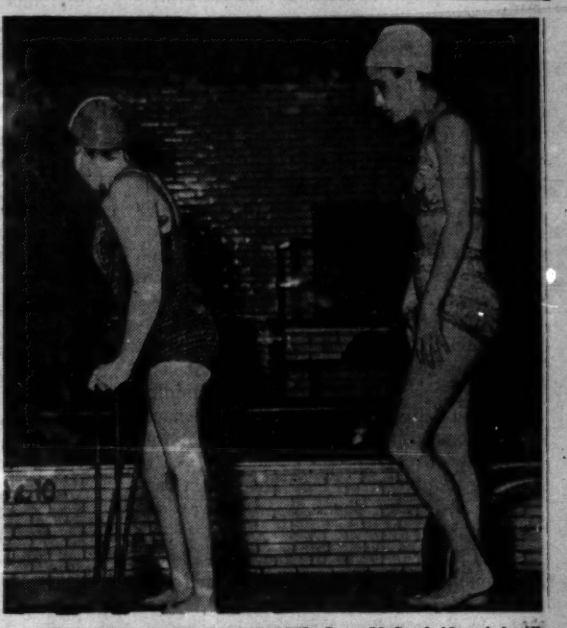
To Hold Rally April 6; Invites Other Unions To Peace Day Rally

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, Feb. 29.—The Greater Newark Industrial Union Council of the CIO announced today that its regular meeting last night named a "Yanks Are Not Coming" committee of nine, to arrange a meeting April 6 to mark the entry of the United States in the World War and protest efforts to drag the country into a new war.

The committee is headed by John Jenne, of the United Rubber Workers, who is secretary-treasurer of the Industrial Union Council.

The committee is directed to invite other organizations to join with the CIO into arrangement of a demonstration under broad auspices.



SWIMMING BACK TO HEALTH—Joan McCambridge, infantile paralysis victim, approaches on crutches a dive into the pool at New York's Textile High School. She is a member of a class which uses body building exercises to regain health.

FDR Made Peace With Wall St., Milwaukee C. I. O. Parley Says

CIO Unions Pledge to Follow Call of John L. Lewis In Working in the Interests of Labor in the Political Field; Sonnemann Speaks

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 29.—Charging that "Roosevelt has made his peace with Wall Street" and that the "administration is leading the attacks on civil liberties which are already being directed against labor unions," Waldemar Sonnemann, counsel for the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, told a CIO conference here that "The CIO is not tied to any political party."

Sonneman declared that "we will follow the call of John L. Lewis to carry on our political activity, not for any political party, but for the interests of labor and those sections of the people that look to labor for leadership."

The conference was attended by more than 300 delegates representing local union legislative committees. It was called by the Milwaukee County CIO.

Sonnemann spoke in piece of Lee Pressman, national CIO counsel, who wired his regrets at being unable to attend.

The conference adopted a resolution endorsing the national and state legislative programs of the CIO after hearing reports by Mel Heinritz, member of the state legislative committee, and Meyer Adelman, director of the SWOC.

The conference was one of a series being held throughout the state by the CIO. Others have already taken place in Wausau, Racine, Eau Claire and La Crosse. Similar conferences will be held in Kenosha, Madison and Oshkosh.

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Foreign Born Parley to Hear Housing Expert

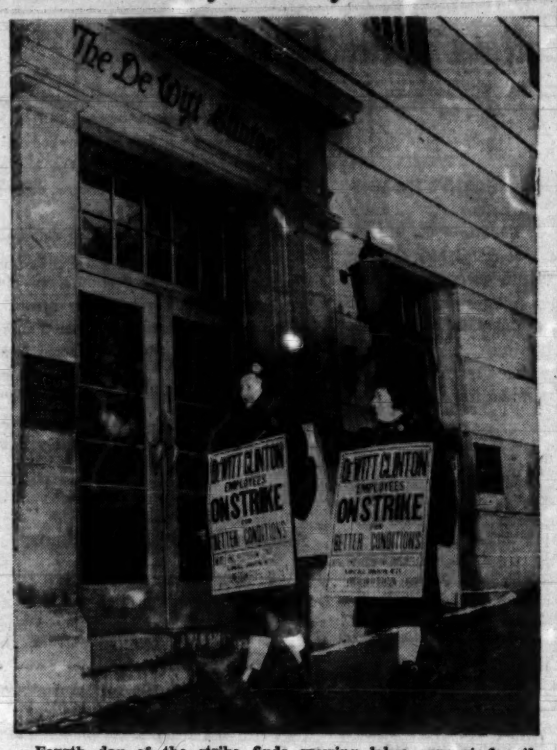
Cal. Immigration Officer To Take Part in Panel On Deportation

Carey McWilliams, California Commissioner of Immigration and Housing and author of "Factories in the Fields" will serve as chairman of the panel on Deportation and the Right of Asylum at the fourth annual conference of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, it was announced yesterday by Dr. William Allan Neilson, who will preside over the conference proceedings.

The conference will be held at the Hotel Annapolis, Washington, March 2 and 3.

Other speakers at the Deportation and Right of Asylum panel will include the Hon. Ralph T. Seward, chairman of the Board of Review of the Department of Labor; Evelyn W. Hersey, executive director of the American Committee for Christian Refugees; Rep. Vito Marcantonio, of New York; Rep. Emanuel Celler, of New York; Carol King, secretary of the International Juridical Association; John F. Rich, Co-Director, Refugee Section, American Friends Service Committee; Edith Terry Bremer, of the National Institute of Immigrant Welfare; James Waterman Wise, Research Consultant, Council Against Intolerance in America; and Louisa Moreno, of the Spanish Speaking Peoples Congress.

Picket Swanky Albany Hotel



Fourth day of the strike finds growing labor support for the workers of the De Witt Clinton, the largest hotel in the state capital. Jane Kansas and Germane Nolan, waitresses, are shown picketing above. The CIO Industrial Union Council is backing the strike which was called by the Albany Local 471 of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union (AFL).

Albany Hotel Strikers Get Wide Support

Other Unions Back De-Witt Clinton Walkout; Guests Check Out

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, Feb. 29.—Workers of Albany's largest hotel, the DeWitt Clinton, entered their fourth day of strike today encouraged by many expressions of support from AFL and CIO unions, as well as from many State legislators who checked out of the hotel following the establishment of picket lines.

The strike was called early Sunday morning by Albany Local 471 of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union (AFL) after the management had stalled for five months on contract renewal negotiations.

Among those who offered support to the union was Hugh Thompson, State secretary-treasurer and legislative representative of the CIO Industrial Union Council. Other labor legislative representatives who offered their support were Luciel McGorey of the State, County Municipal Workers, Martin Cooper of the Transport Workers, George Curran of the Federation of Architects, Engineers and Chemists. A number of Albany local unions, both CIO and AFL pledged support, as did Hotel and Restaurant locals from New York City, Rochester, Troy and Schenectady.

Negotiations for a joint contract between the union and the two large Albany hotels, the DeWitt Clinton and the Ten Eyck, were opened last August. After several months of stalling on the part of the hotels, the union decided to deal with them separately. A quick agreement was reached with the Ten Eyck, including the closed shop, seniority rights, hearings on dismissals, and vacation and pay increases for most of the 235 workers involved.

Failure of the DeWitt Clinton, most profitable member of the Knott hotel chain, to agree to similar terms for the workers in the dining and culinary departments, where the union has 100 per cent organization, led to the calling of the strike.

Unemployment Protest Planned In Baltimore

Alliance Asks City for Rally, Parade Permit For March 23

BALTIMORE, Feb. 29. — The Workers Alliance of Maryland has requested a permit from Mayor Jackson for Saturday, March 23 to proceed with their plans for an open air rally in protest against 10 years of unemployment in the United States.

The rally will lay particular emphasis on the needs and problems effecting the people of Baltimore and Maryland.

One of the central points in this "End Unemployment" rally will be the mobilization of all possible public opinion and action for the passage of the "American Steandard Work and Assistance Bill," recently introduced in Congress by Representative Marcantonio of New York.

TO HOLD PARADE

This bill will provide for three million on W. P. A., immediately, with the Federal Govenment also granting assistance to the States to enable them to give more decent relief standards to their citizens.

A parade is also being planned in conjunction with this open Air rally, and the Walter Green Post No. 14, American Legion Drum Corps, as well as the Fifth Regiment Armory Band have been invited to lead this parade.

Governor Herbert R. O'Connor, Mayor Howard W. Jackson, Congressmen Ambrose Kennedy and Thomas J. D'Alesandro, as well as Mr. Gardner Jackson of the Labor Non Partisan League, and David Lasser, National President of the Workers Alliance, have already been invited to speak.

The rally is planned to be held on Saturday, March 23 at 12:30 P. M. at the City Hall Plaza.

Sea Beach Alliance Holds Public Hearing

'Living Newspaper' Used to Reveal Miserable Plight of Needy

Four hundred and fifty residents of Sea Beach crowded Public School 80 Wednesday night to attend an open hearing conducted by the Workers Alliance of Brooklyn.

The meeting, which was conducted in "Living Newspaper" style heard the tragic true stories of WPA workers and relief clients. Among them were Louis Sachs, WPA worker and father of three children, who showed a $4 check for two weeks; Phineas Berry, Negro applicant for relief who has been turned down by the relief authorities for five and a half months and is in desperate need; and Mrs. A. Scheer, who had been evicted from her home

Speakers the Alliance meeting included Sophie Tobin of the United Parents Association; Dr. Dollinger, a neighborhood physician, and Norman Schrank, Brooklyn secretary of the Workers Alliance.

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The Bureau was the first public agency in the world created to consider childhood as a whole, and was established by Congress in 1912 in the Department of Labor. Excellent material on child care is issued by the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

INEXPENSIVE INSECTICIDES

Have you trouble with household pests?

Cockroaches are a menace in old and dilapidated houses. The best way to get rid of them is to use sodium fluoride (poison) in the corners and cracks. Dusting with borax or pyrethrum powder (the latter can be brought at seed stores or at other insecticide companies) is safer, but less effective. Dusting with flowers of sulfer repels roaches.

Carbon disulfide is inflammable and therefore dangerous.

MILK GRADING AND FAT CONTENT

The big milk trust in their publicity for the promotion of Grade "A" milk sales, stressed the fact that there is a difference of three-tenths of a point is the butter-fat content between Grade "A" and Grade "B" milk.

We agree with this statement, but this difference is rather insignificant when you consider that butter is costing only about 37c per pounds today, or less than 2½c an ounce. If you must have added butter-fat, then why not use butter, it is definitely cheaper—We therefore suggest that you buy Grade "B" milk.

HOUSING CUTS DELINQUENCY

Figures already show that juvenile delinquency has almost disappeared in the twelve block area covered by the Williamsburg Houses, the large low-rent housing project in Brooklyn. In the three years it has been in existence, there has just been one case of juvenile delinquency. During the three years 1933 to 1935, before the slum buildings were torn down, the same area produced twenty cases of juvenile waywardness.

Police figures also show that in the neighborhoods surrounding the low housing project juvenile delinquency increased during the same period. What better argument can there be for more low-rent housing programs to be carried out immediately.

Helen Gilbert

The upsweep is no longer the height of fashion but Helen Gilbert who looks so well with one still does her hair up for special occasions. A good neck and jaw line are extremely important for the success of this extreme hair style.

NOTE ON MAKING TEA

If you want to make tea like the experts do, here's how:

Put 30 grains of tea—about the amount of an ordinary teaball into the botom of the cup. Add five ounces of "furiously boiling" water. Brew for four or five minutes, "never longer." Then stir to get full flavor.

VISITING NURSES

The Henry Street Visiting Nurse Service conducts Mothers' Clubs in 15 branch offices in Manhattan, the Bronx and Queens. An eight-week free instruction course includes advice to expectant mothers concerning their own health as well as care of the baby.

For registration details and the address of the Mothers' Club in any particular neighborhood, telephone Caledonia 5-0900.

New Communist Covers Nat'l Committee Meeting

"The Communist" for March features National Committee resolutions and key Foster article.

The Communist for March, delayed a few days in publication in order to include all the main resolutions adopted at the recent meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party, has an exceptionally important list of contents. This issue constitutes basic study material for all Communists and progressives interested in world events and the second imperialist war, and the problems it raises for the American people.

In "Seven Years of Roosevelt, William Z. Foster contributes a full-length analysis of the whole course of the "New Deal" from the inauguration of Roosevelt for his first term, through the NRA period, up to the present transformation of Roosevelt's policies from the sponsorship of social legislation to his recent "hunger-and-war" budget.

The resolutions of the National Committee contain a thorough analysis of the present national and international situation, and the tasks with this situation sets before the American masses and especially the Communist Party. There are also resolutions on the coming Presidential elections, Ireland's fight for freedom, the defense of the Party, the Anti-Lynching Bill, the farmers and the war, and the Daily Worker.

A fundamental study of the unemployed movement, and its history from the Hoover days to the present, together with a basic program for struggle in the new situation created by the reactionary turn of the Roosevelt Administration is contributed by Herbert Benjamin.

The "Notes of the Month," by A. B., discuss the imperialist contradictions between the two great capitalist powers, Great Britain and the U. S. A.; the issue of the third party in America, and other important current issues.

This issue also contains the report of Pat Toohey to the National Committee on the Negro question, and an article by Oakley Johnson on Charles E. Ruthenberg, whose anniversary falls in March, as a fighter against the first imperialist war.

The March issue of The Communist should mark a big step forward in circulation of the leading theoretical magazine of Marxism-Leninism in the U. S. A. Its splendid contents sets a new high standard for **The Communist.**

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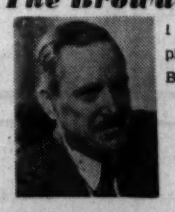

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'Protection' At the Point of a Gun

• The other day, the three Scandinavian neutrals, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, held a meeting and decided that they would cooperate with each other in staying out of the British-German war.

This has made Mr. Winston Churchill see red. He told the House of Commons two days ago that he **"is getting tired"** of this attitude of the neutrals.

Mr. Churchill wants to give the Scandinavian countries "protection." To the people of Scandinavia it looks very much like the "protection" a bunch of mobsters offers to some peaceful storekeeper. **It is "protection" at the point of a pistol.**

Like any mobster, Churchill leans over and leers to the Scandinavian countries, "Listen, boys, you are in danger, and I'm going to give you protection, see!" While he talks, he significantly fingers a revolver.

But it seems as if the Scandinavian countries, who have been twice warned by the British Government spokesmen that they are "in danger of Russia" don't have any fears whatever of the Soviet Union. In fact, they are far more frightened of the British Government.

Yesterday, the Foreign Minister of Norway, Holdvan Koht, emphatically informed the United Press that his Government completely agrees with Sweden in maintaining strict neutrality. Regarding the "menace" which Churchill raves about, Mr. Koht told the United Press:

"It is an historical fact that Russia has never made any demands whatsoever on Norway."

This is a tribute to the fact that the Soviet Union's consistent policy of peace with all its neighbors who desire peace is well recognized throughout Scandinavia. The disappearance of the provocative Mannerheim regime from Finland (really a puppet regime of the London and Wall Street banks) will even strengthen these peaceful relations.

The fact is that the imperialist scheme to hurl the small nations against the Soviet Union at two points—in Northern Europe and in the Balkans—has failed. The British scheme to use the recent Belgrade conference with Turkey in the leadership as a war instrument against the USSR broke down. Similarly, the scheme to trap Scandinavia into war by using the Socialist Party officials as the war-mongers against the USSR has lso failed.

This is what is causing the increased harshness in the British and U. S. attitude toward Scandinavia. Neither London nor Washington want peace in Northern Europe. More war means more war orders. London and Washington would like Scandinavia to do the dying while English and U. S. imperialism reap the profits. London and Washington are trying to bully Scandinavia into an anti-Soviet war.

In fact, one of Sumner Welles' jobs in Europe now is to "muscle in" on the Scandinavian markets and "take over" for U. S. imperialism. Washington wants to give orders in Scandinavia, and is ready to use its economic power to get its way in Northern Europe.

Hence, the latest White House scheme to rush "loans" to Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway. These are bribes and threats against the peace of the Scandinavian peoples.

The big powers which claim to be "defending the independence of small nations" are now brutally bullying the small neutral nations into war. But they are not succeeding in their plan to save British and Wall Street interests with Scandinavian blood. The theatre of war is not growing in Northern Europe. The Scandinavian peoples and the Soviet Union are seeing to that.

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Gunning for Lower Wages

• This past week has seen a new campaign launched by the Wall Street Journal and the Journal of Commerce to lower the wages of the building trades workers. Here we get a clew to the real purpose of the Department of Justice's "anti-trust" drive against the unions. Even during the period before the Administration's betrayal of the New Deal, President Roosevelt would snipe away at the building trades workers. Now the Department of Justice, with its "anti-trust" suits, is taking drastic action to open the way for those lower wage scales in the building trades which the President has always longed for.

It is not the wages of the workers but the monopoly prices and profits exacted by the building-materials trust, which have helped tie up construction. The Senate monopoly investigation, which was supposed to probe into these monopoly prices, has apparently been chloroformed by the Administration, while the workers (whose annual earnings are far below $1,200) are being hounded.

The "anti-trust" drive against the unions should be combatted by all labor. It is really a drive against unionization and wage scales in all industries.

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British Treachery In Palestine

• Right after two Irishmen were hanged by British imperialism for the crime of loving liberty, the Jewish people of Palestine yesterday got a taste of the well-known British treachery.

The British Government has published the White Paper which in the words of the Jewish Agency, "makes a mockery of the obligations" which the British promised to fulfill to the Jewish people. It establishes a ghetto in Palestine. The British pretext is "protection" for the poverty-stricken Arabian population. It requires real imperialist cynicism for Britain to pretend love for the oppressed Arabian population which it keeps in chains and squalor. The British betrayal of the Jews is also a betrayal of the Arabs, for the purpose of enslaving both.

The anti-Semitism which is latent in every imperialist ruling class is spurting forth everywhere. In Italy, the Jews are being robbed of their civil rights by Mussolini's decrees. The German imperialist terror against the Jews, made possible by the Chamberlain policy, is beginning to find imitators in the ruling classes of England, France and even the United States.

Anti-Semitism is an inevitable counterpart of political reaction, of anti-democratic hate. And nothing is more reactionary than imperialism, no matter where it is found. It may try to disguise its anti-Semitism for a while, as the Italian fascists did; in the end it will show its colors whether it be London, Rome, Berlin, Paris or Washington.

It is only under the protection of the Soviet Union that the Jewish people have won liberation from persecution. Nothing could offer a more startling contrast to the universal imperialist treachery against the Jews than the manner in which the Red Army recently liberated hundreds of thousands of Polish Jews from the horrors of pogroms encouraged by the Polish Government. These people will never again have to fear persecution or inequality; they have won freedom.

The Irish, Indian, and Jewish peoples all got lessons in British "democracy" this week. It was a lesson of cold-blooded betrayal and treachery.

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More Notes on the 'War for Democracy'

• One of the most sickly apologies for the fascist terror now being spread by the Daladier government in order to compel the French people to support the war, is to be found in the recent issue of The Nation. In an article from Paris by one Alexander Worth, we read:

"A question that has greatly worried some English left-wing intellectuals is whether France is still a democracy. The spirit of the French army seems a sufficient guaranty that, whatever may ultimately happen to the 'democratic institutions' of France, its democratic spirit will remain intact."

In other words: concentration camps may come and free speech may go; but the "democratic spirit remains intact"—in the point of an imperialist bayonet.

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Seattle—a Setback to the Warmongers

• The splendid showing of Elizabeth Boggs, Communist candidate for City Council in Seattle, was a setback to the warmongers and red-baiters throughout the land.

Miss Boggs ran eighth in a field of 13 candidates, with six nominated for the runoff election March 12. She won 5,946 votes, all of which was accomplished in the face of a violent red-baiting and war-inciting campaign by the reactionaries.

The fact that Miss Boggs ran on a platform of peace, security and liberty brought her wide support in the labor and progressive movement. In the first place, she was endorsed by many CIO and A. F. of L. unions, and by unemployed, pension, civic and numerous other organizations. This shows that these are the main issues before the people in every city and community.

Miss Boggs' showing had special significance for the Communist Party. It demonstrates that the people are not falling for the "foreign agent" slander which is being promoted against the Communists by the Roosevelt Administration and by the Republicans. Once more it shows the ever-increasing vitality of the Communist Party, amidst the ferocious lies of the capitalist press and radio.

Vigorous Communist election campaigns this year help all other labor and progressive forces in forging their own independent political instrument for peace. State Party organizations should take the lead from Seattle, and above all, push the campaign now to get Earl Browder and James W. Ford on the ballot for the presidential campaign in November.

The Lengthening Shadow — by Ellis

NEWS ITEM—WASHINGTON, Feb. 29 (UP).—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins reported today that non-agricultural employment declined approximately 1,160,000 in January.

Letters from Our Readers

Lauds Editorial on Roosevelt

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Your editorial "President Roosevelt Takes His Mask Off," was the truth and should be read by all fair-minded people. The public had better wake up before they find themselves in a so-called holy crusade against an honest working man's government. Any child can see that the Roosevelt, Pope and Mussolini combination are hanging on to England and France.

N. F.

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Reader Gets Action on Misleading Labels

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Last Spring I sent a letter to the Federal Trade Commission advising them that a certain manufacturer was marking baskets of Easter Bunnies that were made in Japan—as made in the United States.

The outside basket has the U.S.A. stamp, but the foot of the bunnies had a tag made in Japan which was cleverly concealed in the grass of the basket.

I recently received a reply from the F.T.C. that this manufacturer was stopped from this false and misleading label.

If the people would watch for these labels and make sure that articles made in U.S.A. are really so, the boycott would be much more effective.

I feel that stopping someone from chiseling the public should be brought to the attention of our readers.

Good luck and I am thankful that we have a paper as the Daily Worker that is the only workers' paper.

F. D.

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Youth Congress Peace Resolution—Blow to Imperialist War Plans

Oxford, Miss.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The icy reception given President Roosevelt's attack on the Soviet Union by the delegates of the Youth Congress was young America's warning to the so-called "trained minds" of American imperialist ambition abroad, that the youth of America are not in sympathy with the Chamberlain-Daladier-Mannerheim White Guard outfit.

The "brilliant minds" of Washington have been very active lately in propagandizing Chamberlain-Daladier's "Utopian European Peace Federation" fraud. But the American youth and common people will not be deceived by the "trained minds" of crafty imperialist agents in secret meeting with the kind of "Peace Defenders" who sold Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland down the river to Hitler in exchange for his promised "Drive to the East," who destroyed Spanish democracy and didn't breathe a whisper of protest in defense of poor little Albania, but openly approved of Italian and Japanese imperialist rape of Ethiopia and China.

In spite of Mr. Roosevelt's warning not to pass resolutions, the naughty Youth Congress did pass one very important resolution. It is the one rejecting the professional red-baiters, labor splitting activities and in its place accepted the united front with all progressive common people for peace. That resolution carried out, may turn the war-mongers' dream of conquest at the expense of the Soviet Union into a fearful nightmare for the worshippers of profit in war and fascism.

G. U.

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Attack on Communist Party Show Capitalists' Fear of Seeing Truth

St. George, S. I.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The other day I saw in the Herald Tribune a big, almost full-page anti-Soviet ad. It contained the usual inaccuracies, hypocrisy, and pure tripe, such as "the workers in Russia cannot buy radios," American workers all have radios—the workers have not one radio but two or three, including one in the car, "the manufacturer pays good wages; everybody is happy." And Ivan saying, "Happiness? Bah! A bourgeois ideal, designed to sabotage the workers' class-consciousness." And so on ad infinitum.

When capitalists go to such elaborate lengths just to ridicule Communism, it's positive proof that the American people are beginning to open their eyes wide, and capitalism is deadly afraid of them! No longer can American capitalism ignore the Communist movement—it must now come right out in paid advertisements and say in effect to the public, "No, no! You mustn't start thinking. Here, read this baloney—quick!

Yes sir, the C.P.U.S.A. certainly has come of age.

—A. H.

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Points to Anti-Slavery Sentiment Early in Our History

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

My admiration for Tom Paine is not diminished by the fact that I have to challenge Harrison George's assertion that he was the first one in America to attack Negro slavery.

German immigrants to Germantown, Pa., in 1688 passed a resolution against "the traffic in men-body." They had suffered persecution for their (Quaker) religion in Germany. So they said, "In Europe there are many oppressed for conscience-sake; and here there are those oppressed which are of a black color." They sent their resolution to the next higher Quaker body, which found it "so weighty that we think it not expedient for us to meddle with it," and sent it to the next higher Quaker body, which said the same thing, and passed it on to the highest body, which refused "to give a Positive Judgment in the Case, it having so general a Relation" to other affairs and interests. (George H. Moore, "History of Slavery in Massachusetts", p. 74ff. The whole of the resolution passed by these immigrants and aliens makes wonderful reading.)

The higher-ups regularly refused to condemn slavery—but with one very fine and brilliantly written exception, by Judge Samuel Sewall of Massachusetts, in 1700. He was answered by another judge, whose pro-slavery pamphlet was more widely read and far more widely approved by the Massachusetts aristocracy (Moore, p. 83; reply to Sewall, p. 251, both short and interesting to read.)

Not until the approach of the Revolution was beginning to stir men's hearts did Otis say, "The colonists are by the law of nature free born, as indeed all men are, white or black . . ." (1764).

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High Praise for Daily Worker Sports Page

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I used to be ashamed to face the fact that I read the sports pages with all the avidity of a child reading fairy tales or wonder stories.

But, believe it or not, I first started reading the "Worker" when a friend of the opposite sex raved about the coverage and creative abilities of a couple of guys named Kurman and Rodney.

If there is a better, more well-rounded sports analyst than Lester Rodney on any Metropolitan sheet, then I haven't read him yet—and that covers a lot of territory and a lot of reading.

Good luck and more power to these boys, and as long as there's anybody throwing punches or baseballs or basketballs around, I want to hear about it in the "Daily." They're as good a reason as any for the increasing number of readers turning to the "Daily," not only for sports in a more interesting manner, but for news of the day in more serious vein, closer to the truth of things.

H. K.

Imperialist Agents In Colombia Want New Wall St. Loan

PEOPLE OPPOSE FOREIGN LOANS

BOGOTA, Colombia, Feb. 29 (ICN).—Progressive circles here are watching with alarm the efforts of the imperialist agents of Colombia to swing another loan from the United States and so tighten the bonds of Wall Street imperialism on the national economy of Colombia.

Occasioning special alarm to progressives here are the activities of the Colombian Ambassador in Washington with American bondholders, activities which have the complete approval of the Colombian administration.

The press here is carrying sensational headlines throughout the country on the Ambassador's activities in Washington and the "solution of the problem of the foreign debt."

The hack writers of the bourgeoisie received this news with great joy and took the opportunity to praise the efforts of the Wall Street bankers and the American imperialist companies. The United Fruit Company, the Tropical Oil Company, the Magdalena Railroad Co., and the other imperialist exploiters and oppressors of the Colombian people are also praising the efforts of the Ambassador and the Colombian administration.

Now, when the country is reaching the point of an acute economic crisis, when other Latin American countries are following a policy of instituting a moratorium, the Colombian Government is renewing its payments to bondholders and has agreed to pay in the period of this fiscal year $1,750,000 besides interest on the debt which amounts to $1,350,000, plus $400,000 for amortization of capital. This in the face of Colombia's own national problems, especially its acute problem of unemployment.

Every effort is being made to get another loan from sharks of Wall Street. The national income of Colombia is lower than that of any other country in the Western Hemisphere. The native exploiters and the imperialist oppressors of the country avoid the payment of taxes through special privileges. The Parris Company has signed a contract for paving streets for a price double the amount it should have gotten. In these ways is the money of the people being wasted and the needs of the people neglected.

In order to get the new loan from the Wall Street sharks, the Colombian government must pay the previous debt owed to the foreign bondholders—otherwise, no new loans. Now the government is attempting to make the people pay the $3,000,000 it needs for this purpose in the present year. There is a rumor regarding an executive decree that would reduce the wages of the government employees to repay the foreign bondholders.

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The main streets of this city, the capital of Colombia, were crowded last week with a militant demonstration of the unemployed workers of the entire country, who gathered in the city for a march on the Capital to present their demands for jobs, bread and peace to the Administration.

The Minister of Labor, Dr. Caicedo Castillo, received the marchers and reviewed them from one of the balconies of the Municipality at Plaza Bolivar. After hearing the speeches delivered by the leaders of the Unemployed March, the Minister answered them in the name of the government, promising to find a solution for the unemployed problem.

During the course of his speech, however, he tried to engage in red-baiting attacks and anti-Soviet slanders, but the Labor Minister received an unexpected answer from the unemployed. To his anti-Soviet remarks, the hungry, needy and half-starved people answered with loud shouts of "Long live the Soviet Union!" and "Down with the Mannerheim gang!"

The Minister was forced to stop his speech and quit the scene, looking for a more suitable audience to which to deliver his anti-Soviet remarks.

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UNIONS UNDER A HACK

BOGOTA, Colombia, Feb. 29 (ICN).—Another attempt has been made to disrupt the unity of the trade union movement in this country. During the last convention of the National Federation of Railroad Workers, recently held at Girardot, a group of cheap politicians, headed by the ex-G-man, Rafael Romero Moreno and Cristobal Useche, succeeded in railroading through the convention a resolution demanding that the Executive Committee of the Colombian Workers Confederation expel from the ranks of organized labor any political group or representatives thereof, who are not linked directly with the official party—the Liberal Party. Special emphasis was placed in the resolution on the expulsion of the Communists.

The adoption of this resolution was the climax of a whole series of maneuvers to split the ranks of the organized workers. There is no doubt but that behind these maneuvers is the well-organized offensive of the railroad interests against the workers in the industry, together with elements of the right liberal wing of the government, who are trying by every means to destroy the labor movement at a moment when the most acute crisis is threatening the national life of the country.

FALSE "LIBERALS"

In this drive against the progressive forces and the labor movement it is not surprising to find certain "left-wing" elements siding with the most reactionary interests of the country, and in fact becoming the tool of the railroad interests, by demanding in their central organ, "El Liberal" that the Communists be expelled from the ranks of organized labor.

If the C. T. C. yields to the demand of the splitters, there is no doubt but that unity of the working class in Colombia will be smashed. But the honest left-wing liberals, together with the Communists and Socialist workers, are not idle and will do their utmost to avoid a split in the ranks of the labor movement. Already there is a move from the progressive groups to ask Vicente Lombardo Toledano, General Secretary of the Latin American Workers Confederation and other leaders of the Latin American labor movement to intervene in the present situation.

'We Are With You in the Fight to Free the Working Class And Stamp Out Lynching,' Is Alabama Communists' Message

Montgomery, Alabama

Editor, Daily Worker:

This statement comes from our Southern lynchers:

"Dave Birmingham, State Convict Department clerk says that if the State Board of Pardons and Paroles paroled the Scottsboro convicts it would forthwith become the 'most despised arm of the present government."

We down here want the world to know about these lynchers of the South, just how much they persecute and oppress the Negro people.

We want Comrade Browder and all you fighters up North to keep up this great fight as the leader of the working class and for the rights of the Negro people.

We are with you in the fight to bring freedom to the working class and stamp out lynching once and for all.

From the Party Branch, Montgomery, Ala.

Question: How Cold Is Cold in Old Helsinki?

By Harrison George

SAN FRANCISCO.—We are beginning to wonder how cold is "cold" in Finland. The Associated Press last Wednesday, reporting a new cold wave, said it was "colder than in January, when it was 58 below."

In those days, you'll recall, the boys bellying up to the bar in the Helsinki Hotel, thought that James Aldridge had won the prize with his yarn about the Russian standing army being frozen "instantly"—and still standing in that condition when James happened along to describe "the horror."

The recoil on that one was so tough that James was withdrawn from circulation for some time. Meanwhile, his helpful colleagues scribbled "corroborative" yarns, and a fake photo or two was put out, trying to show that such a thing is possible in Finland. Thus, the S. F. Chronicle suddenly discovered a gal writer for The London Times, the "dear ol' Times, y'know," one Virginia Cowles. Virginia told us that she, too, saw "horrors" just like James.

Her story, dated "With the Finnish Army at the North Central Front," said "We arrived near the village of Suomussalmi just at dawn, and here I witnessed the most ghastly spectacle."

The only thing "ghastly" in her story is its imagination. But while Aldridge was in the dog house she had the job of backing up his lie with one of her own, about "corpses frozen as hard as petrified wood, and the color of their skins was a mahogany hue."

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That is, they were of "mahogany hue" in The Chronicle of Wednesday, February 7. By Friday, however, Rover Boy White was quoting somebody who was telling him: "You see, they froze so fast they didn't have time to die all over like they do in other wars, so their cheeks are still pink and the tops of their ears white."

When The Chronicle shows us pink and white mahogany, then we'll believe both Rover Boy and Rover Girl.

Evidently after springing this sort of thing, The Chronicle editor thought that James Aldridge was "corroborated," so he got out of the dog house and appeared again on February 12, but, slightly chastened, gave us no more "instantly frozen" standing armies. Consult the experts on refrigeration, who put out those little packages of "instantly frozen" meats and fruits and you'll find they use 125 degrees below, and still it isn't really "instant."

We have no doubt it is cold. But how cold? The AP says it was 58 below in January. But, do you remember the sensational yarn of a "Russian servant of U. S. Ambassador Schoenfeld," who was arrested at Helsinki in a "plot to lure U. S. Envoy to death in air raid?"

It was solemnly stated that a "Russian spy" tried to "get Schoenfeld to hold a picnic in a certain wood, which was to be bombed by Soviet planes." Well, maybe picnicking at 58 below zero is fashionable in Helsinki. But we doubt it. And though Schoenfeld denied he had such a servant or had heard of any plot or picnic, the self-controlled American papers ran the story but not the denial.

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It is also rather weird how the cold, which the A.P. reported (S. F. Chronicle, February 14) to be "colder than in January" when all that "instant freezing" was going on, was utterly AWOL on the same page in a story from Helsinki by the A.P. man, Wade Werner. On page 2 Werner says he visited Porvoo, described as a "pleasant little seat of Finnish culture" near Helsinki; but otherwise a pleasant little location of ammunition dumps.

Werner details how 17 Russian bombers blasted the seat off Finnish culture and left some fires. Then he rings in the sure-shot tear-jerker of a little boy in trouble. Told of a 10-year old who "kept filling his wooden bucket from a puddle near a fire hydrant and defiantly hurling its contents into the inferno."

What's become of the zero weather, you'll ask? Why wasn't the boy, the hydrant or at least the puddle "instantly frozen"? More as a journalist, Werner should know better than to tell a story of a small boy and leave out his dog. If he was a real writer like Rover Boy White, he would have had a little girl, dragging a burnt doll out of the ammunition dump.

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Strange, too, that Werner left out the "victims." Not a word of a single person, or even a married one, being killed. But on page one he had another story. It speaks of Soviet planes "savage attacks" on five towns, Porvoo, Laati, Heinola, Sortavala and Viipuri.

So "savage" were they that he adds: "Up to midnight two dead were reported in the day's bombings." Obviously, Soviet planes were not bombing civilians, or these liars would be far away from Helsinki.

The myth of "civilian bombings" is Roosevelt's invention, of course, for otherwise his war incitation falls flat. Perhaps his "disappointment" in the Soviet which he spoke of to the Youth, is because the Soviet balances its budget. The 1940 World Almanac says (page 265) that the Soviet has balanced its budget ever since 1923.

It gives the figures and explains: "The budget reflects the economic progress of the Soviet Union, because of the high degree of socialization."

Roosevelt is disappointed, not because socialism has failed, but because it has succeeded!

Trade Union Sport Program On Station WCNW at 8:30

Trade Union Athletic Association sports program discussed over WCNW at 8:30 tonight . . . Bryan Ahearn guest on Kate Smith Hour over WABC at 8.

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MORNING
9:20-WJZ—Breakfast Club
WOR—News of Women
9:45-WHN—U. P. News
10:00-WNYC—"Magic of Speech," with Miss Vita Ravenscroft Sutton
WMCA—News
10 30-WHN—Polly the Shopper
10:45-WNYC—Elementary School Program
11:00-WNYC—News; Latest Food Prices
WMCA—Program for Women
WABC—Short Short Stories
WQXR—Hour of Request Music
11:20-WNYC—Safety Songs
11:45-WNYC—"You and Your Health"
AFTERNOON
12:00-WHN—U. P. News
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WJZ—"Meet the Artist"
12:15-WNEW—David Lowe, News of Stage and Screen
12:30-WOR—Trans-Radio News
WHN—Inquisitive New Yorker
WJZ—National Farm-Home Hour
12:45-WEAF—Condensed News
WQR—Consumers' Quiz Club
1:00-WNYC—Missing Persons Alarms
1:05-WNYC—"This Is Democracy," Queens College Radio Course
1:20-WNYC—United Parent Teachers Association Program
1:45-WMCA—News
WNYC—French Course
2:00-WJZ—NBC Music Appreciation Hour
WABC—Lannie Ross Song Recital
WNYC—News
2:05-WNYC—Opera Hour
2:15-WHN—U. P. News
2:45-WMCA—News
WNYC—Intercollegiate Debate
3:15-WABC—University of Virginia Glee Club
WNYC—City College Round Table Discussion
3:30-WOV—Little Red School House
WABC—News
3:45-WEAF—Vic and Sade WNYC—News
4:00-WOR—Trans-Radio News
WJZ—Club Matinee
WNYC—Four Strings at 4:00
WQXR—Music of the Moment
4:15-WABC—Men Behind the Stars
WOR—Alice in Wonderland"
4:30-WQXR—Hour of Symphonic Music
5:00-WMCA—News
WJZ—"Name It and It's Yours"
WNYC—Concert Orchestra
5:15-WOR—"The Superman"
WJZ—Musical Stories
5:20-WABC—It Happened in Hollywood
WQXR—Phyllis Cohen, Pianist
EVENING
6:00-WEAF—Listeners' Corner
WOR—Uncle Don WJZ—U. P. News
WNYC—Municipal Concert
WABC—Early Evening News Report
WQXR—Music to Remember
6:08-WJZ—Alma Kitchell's Briefcase
WEAF—Dance Music
6:15-WEAF—A. P. News
WABC—Life Story of Spencer Tracy
6:30-WEAF—Sport Chat, Clem McCarthy
6:30-WOR—Trans-Radio News
WEAF—Stamp Talk, Capt. Healey
WQXR—Dinner Concert
WHN—U. P. News
6:45-WEAF—"Little Abner"
WOR—Dance Music
WNYC—News
WHN—Dick Fishell, Sports Resume
7:00-WQXR—Music of the Three B's
WEAF—Pleasuretime, Waring Orch.
WOR—Stan Lomax, Sports Review
WNYC—Masterwork Miniatures
WJZ—Joseph Marrais, South African Music
7:15-WMCA—"Five-Star Final"
WEAF—"I Love a Mystery"
WHN—Sports Fanfare
7:30-WABC—Prof. Quiz
WJZ—"Yesterday's Children"
WQXR—Music of the Immortals
7:45-WMCA—Johannes Steel, News Comment
8:00-WABC—Kate Smith Hour, Bryan Ahearn, Guest
WEAF—Lucille Manners, Song Recital WHN—Dance Music
WOR—Stoopnagle's Quixydoodles
WJZ—"This Amazing America"
WQXR—Symphony Hall
8:30-WCNW—Labor Sports Under the Auspices of the Trade Union Athletic Association
WJZ—Carson Robison's Buccaroos
WOR—Simfonietta, Alfred Wallenstein Conducting
8:45-WHN—U. P. News
9:00-WEAF—Waltz Time
WJZ—Plantation Party
WABC—Johnnie Green's Orchestra, Dramatization
WHN—Alexander's Arbitration Hour
9:15-WEVD—Social Security Board Dramatization
9:30-WEAF—"What's My Name?"
WOR—"Comedy By," George Beatty and the Eton Boys
WJZ—What Would You Have Done?
WABC—First Nighter
WEVD—Spanish Music
WQXR—Herzer and Zayde, Two-Piano Recital
10:00-WJZ—Heavyweight Fight Between Bob Pastor and Lee Savold from Madison Sq. Garden
WMCA-WHN—Dance Music
WEAF—Electronic Orchestra
WOR—Raymond Gram Swing
WABC—"Grand Central Station"
WQXR—Concert Hour
10:15-WOR—News from Washington
10:30-WMCA—News WOR—Dance Music
WEAF—"Story Behind the Headline," Caesar Searschinger
10:45-WHN—U. P. News
WEAF—"Human Nature in Action," with Dr. Harold Caswell
11:00-WEAF—A.P. News WJZ—U.P. News
WOR—Trans-Radio News
WABC—Evening News
WQXR—Just Music
11:30-WMCA—Better Music
11:45-WHN—U. P. News
12:00-WHN—Music to Read By
WEVD—Symphonic Hour

ERIC MUNX.

Catholic Church at Crossroads, Latest Book by Seldes Shows

'Catholic Crisis' By Noted Author Is Valuable Study

By Oakley Johnson

The visit to Rome, the other day, of Myron C. Taylor, personal Presidential envoy to the Vatican, accompanied by Sumner Welles, personal Presidential envoy extraordinary to Europe's warring imperialists, makes particularly timely just now a discussion of George Seldes' newest book, **The Catholic Crisis.** In this remarkable study—comprehensive, thorough, documented—Seldes shows that one of the world's oldest and most powerful institutions, the Roman Catholic Church, stands at the crossroads between reaction and progress. The Pope and the official Church hierarchy have unmistakably lined up with the fascist-imperialist forces in support of reaction; Catholic workers and liberals, less clearly and less consciously, are none the less finding their way into the camp of progress.

But can the Church, as an institution, survive the cleavage? Herein lies the crisis the Church faces the turning of the ways at which the Church leadership will either save or lose itself.

Seldes Is Well Qualified

Seldes has unique qualifications for this particular job. He made a thorough study of Church history when he wrote **The Vatican: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow.** As a war correspondent and free lance writer, he has visited the leading European countries—particularly Italy and Spain—where religio - political struggles have been in the forefront of the contemporary scene. As political observer, and particularly as author of **Lords of the Press,** he also knows the backstage facts in America. It takes courage as well as ability to undertake a study such as **The Catholic Crisis,** and Seldes has both. It is a disgrace to American journalism that in the three months since its publication his book has for the most part been ignored by the press.

The fact that the Catholic Church leadership has been able to come to terms with Italian fascism, and is now coming to terms with British and German imperialism in the effort to organize an Anglo-German anti-Soviet war, indicates the fundamental social cleavage between top and bottom which has brought about the crisis in Catholicism. The struggle to save Spanish democracy found the Vatican ranged on Franco's side, and this fatal alignment has brought official Catholicism to the impasse it faces today. As Seldes says, "That war is not over, and the issues it raised will be fought over for generation."

The Case Presented

The case is put quite clearly by the Methodist Association for Social Service, as quoted by Seldes. "The Pope put his attack on Communism in between those of Hitler and Mussolini," says the Federation's bulletin. "He became their ally. * * * The Vatican is one of the international triumvirate lined up to destroy democratic government and restore autocracy * * * first in Spain, next in France. * * * Anti-Communism is the smokescreen for this attack."

Today, three months after the appearance of Seldes' book, we observe a new friendship between the Vatican and Hitler, a friendship motivated by the new world situation, in which the world's imperialist powers are trying to compose their irreconcilable differences and undertake a joint war against the socialist sector. This situation, in which the Vatican is a focal and rallying point for the anti-Soviet crusade, is a more significant revelation of the Catholic crisis than even the Vatican-fascist ganging-up of Spanish democracy.

Indeed, as **The Catholic Crisis** demonstrates over and over, the officialdom of the Catholic Church shows a definite preference for fascism, not only as opposed to Communism, but as opposed to democracy. There are even typical Catholic brands of fascism, such as that of the late Dolfuss in Austria, of Salazar in Portugal, and of Tiso in Slovakia. Catholic fascism, in program and practice, is fully as backward and as cruel as any other, with the sole exception that it does not attack Catholicism.

GEORGE SELDES

The activity of the Catholic hierarchy in the United States is exhaustively treated by Seldes, and he shows how in every major conflict between reaction and progress—even on the questions of anti-Semitism, child labor, censorship, birth control and political bossism—the hierarchy has almost unanimously taken an active part on behalf of reaction. It is surprising to learn that so marked has been the reactionary influence of the Catholic Church in recent years that, in 1937, the American Civil Liberties Union gave the Catholic Church second place in the list of repressive agencies, surpassed only by the American Legion, and itself surpassing the Chamber of Commerce and the Ku Klux Klan.

Among the examples of open collaboration with anti-democratic forces, Seldes gives the following: Catholic bishops and priests sit on the platform with Mayor Hague of Jersey City, and back him to the limit; Cardinal O'Connell of Boston has year after year led the fight before the Massachusetts Legislature against the endorsement of the Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution; the progressive Representative Jerry O'Connell of Montana, who is a member of the Catholic Church, was attacked as an enemy of the Church, and kept from being re-elected, by Bishop Gilmore of the same state because O'Connell supported Loyalist Spain. On the crucial issue of Father Coughlin, most dangerous of all the fascist and anti-Semitic leaders in America, the Catholic Church officialdom has remained inactive and silent, and Coughlin's immediate superior, Archbishop Mooney of Detroit, announces "permission"—though, ambiguously, not with open "approval"—for Coughlin's activities.

Catholics In the C. I. O.

Seldes makes clear that the Catholic Church membership is not by any means at one with the Catholic hierarchy in these matters. While the hierarchy is anti-labor, Catholic working men join and vigorously defend the CIO. While the hierarchy betrayed Loyalist Spain, no more than 38 per cent of American Catholics, according to the Gallup Poll, favored Franco. While the Pope dickers with Hitler (with anti-Soviet war aims in view), American Catholics have no sympathy for Hitler. While reactionary priests and bishops like Father Coughlin of Detroit, Father Edward Lodge Curran of Brooklyn, Archbishop M. J. Curley of Baltimore and Archbishop O'Connell of Boston place the Church in opposition to every progressive movement, some Church leaders, such as Monsignor John A. Ryan of Catholic University, Washington, D. C., and the late Cardinal Mundelein, take a progressive stand on many—though not all—questions. The Committee of Catholics to fight anti-Semitism is a progressive force which must be given its due in the face of the regrettable backwardness of the Catholic War Veterans, the majority groups of the Holy Name Society, the Catholic Truth Society, the egregious Legion of Decency and the Knights of Columbus. Similarly, a few mildly progressive Catholic papers and writers must be placed on the credit side in contradistinction to such journalistic blackguards as the **Brooklyn Tablet** and **Social Justice.**

The liberal Catholic bishops seem more ornamental than useful in the fight for progress. Whenever the battle gets hot, they take refuge in dignified silence. It is with good reason believed that the silence of Cardinal Mundelein on the Spanish issue was a determining factor in the retention of the Spanish embargo which bled to death Loyalist Spain.

Incidentally, the recent stand of the Holy Redemmer Catholic Church membership in Cleveland against an archbishop's decision confirms Seldes' declaration that the Catholic rank and file are becoming restive under the autocratic rule of the hierarchy. A crowd of between 1,000 and 1,500 angrily resisted the arrival of the archbishop's new appointee, who came escorted by sixty policemen. The police and the church officers were forced to retire before reaching the church, and the enraged archbishop imposed a formal interdict upon the membership.

Shortcomings Of Book

In the wealth of material which Seldes presents can be found interesting and diverse items. He explains the slang term, "power house," which—appropriately enough when we consider the extent of Catholic pressure in politics—is "applied by Republican and Democratic politicians to the residence of the highest Catholic Church dignitary in town." He makes sympathetic mention of the "outstretched hand" policy of the Communist Party, a policy adopted in the hope of securing Catholic cooperation for progressive measures.

Though **The Catholic Crisis** is a very important contribution to the social literature of our time, it is not without certain shortcomings. On page 84, for example, it is implied, though not directly stated, that Communists would ban free speech "if they became the government," which happens to be erroneous. Again, on page 102, in what is really an excellent analysis of fascism "in its first stage, the stage of pseudo-radicalism," Seldes remarks that fascist demagogy uses "Marxian phrases and ideas." Strictly speaking, they use 'Marxian-sounding phrases and ideas' in appealing for the support of radicalized but insufficiently politicalized working and middle-class people. But these mistakes are minor, and do not seriously impair the undoubted usefulness of the book.

If, says Mr. Seldes, the Catholic Church is to survive, it will be saved by the insurgent rank and file in opposition to the hierarchy. "If the Church remains the ally of the fascist nations," he says in his conclusion "* * * it accepts their political and military fate and can hope for no quarter in the eventual triumph of the world's anti-fascist forces." The current Vatican intrigues, in cooperation with the imperialist anti-Soviet war moves, gives new emphasis to Seldes' words.

*THE CATHOLIC CRISIS, by George Seldes. Julian Messner, Inc., New York, Publishers. Documented. 337 pages. November, 1939. $3.00.

'Leave Her to Heaven' Trying Even for Broadway

LEAVE HER TO HEAVEN. By John Van Druten. Presented by Dwight Deere Wiman. Directed by Auriol Lee. Settings by Watson Barratt.

No play as devastatingly boring as "Leave Her to Heaven" could possibly have been intended without some good old fashioned moral. While this writer would scarcely want to swear to the playwright's designs in the concoction now running at the Longacre, offhand he would say that Mr. Van Druten's message to his 48th Street audience is "Don't murder your sweetheart's husband with a mallet."

Laughed at the Tenderest Moments

If we seem to be facetious, it is only because any other critical treatment of such a tedious specimen of bad drama is impossible. Even the paying customers must have shared this feeling for they laughed at Mr. Van Druten's tenderest moments, and they yawned through the two off-stage deaths. There is something embarrassing about really bad theatre for anyone who has genuine affection for the stage; something that makes you want to 'de for shame, as if it were really your fault that so much money, and even occasional talent in acting and settings, were being utterly wasted.

That's the way that "Leave Her to Heaven" impressed this reviewer, who was willing enough to remember Van Druten for his sensitive and intelligent play "Young Woodley," and Miss Chatterton for her fine performance in the film "Dodsworth." Not that Miss Chatterton does not struggle valiantly with what is truly a hopeless script. But her indubitable, if sometimes wearing, charm is not enough to cope with the tale of a jealous chauffeur, played to the hilt and over it by Edmond O'Brien, who kills the spouse of Mrs. Monckton (Ruth Chatterton) and suffers the bitter consequences, along with the audience.

Actors Do Better Than Playwright

Hilda Plowright, as Mrs. Monckton's maid, "Hen"; A. G. Andrews as "Hen's" father; and Watson Barratt's interesting settings; all are deserving of mention, and certainly deserving of more than what Van Druten has to offer. Miss Auriol Lee, who directed the last eleven of Van Druten's plays is just about up to the level of the material she works with, for she never interferes with or improves the puerile theatrics of "Leave Her to Heaven."

From whence Mr. Van Druten derived the title of this opus, we cannot be sure. But the conjectures that passed through our mind as to possible sources furnished us with the only entertainment of the entire evening.

B. M.

IN 'BLUE BIRD'

Eddie Collins in the role of Tylo in Maurice Maeterlinck's "The Blue Bird" which opens at the Roxy today.

Film Writers Assert They Don't Get As Much As Papers Say

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 29 (UP).—Film writers complained today that their incomes have been misrepresented.

The highest paid writer gets $3,750 a week. At the botom of the scale is $27.50 a week, a Screen Writers Guild survey showed.

"It will be readily seen that merely to add these two salaries and divide by two would give an average of almost $2,000 a week—which could hardly be called a true picture," the Guild said.

Last year, 50 per cent of the writers earned less than $120 a week and only four received more than $2,000. The average is around $120 a week for about 25 weeks a year.

New Stage Group

The Chelsea Players, a new group of actors and theatre technicians have organized for the purpose of producing a repertory of recent Broadway successes.

Joseph H. Thayer is to direct and rehearsals will begin immediately in the Husdon Guild Theatre, 456 W. 27th St.

Broadway Progressives Aid *American* Relief

The answer of Broadway's progressive actors to the Finnish benefit will be heard in melodic terms this Sunday evening at the Forrest Theatre. Will Geer and a host of fellow-performers will gather under TAC Music Division auspices to run a "ballad sing" benefit for their fellow Americans in the dust bowl country.

A "Grapes of Wrath" evening the sponsors are calling it. Its proceeds are scheduled to go entirely for the aid of the now famed "Okies." They are the "refugees" from the ravages of our native landlords and bankers, who are waging as merciless a war against these people as any battle taking place in Europe. It is fitting then that this program for American refugees should be in the true American tradition, presenting some of the finest and most authentic folk and working class artists to be found in this country, its sponsors declare.

Will Geer Will Be There

Heading the program will be Will Geer, courageous young actor who recently issued a statement to the press along with Paul Robeson, condemning the Finnish Theatre Benefits as a war move. Geer will appear in his current role as "Jeeter Lester" with other members of the "Tobacco Road" company in the banker scene from that play.

Along with Geer on the "Grapes of Wrath" program there will appear a veritable bumper crop of talent, including "Woody," a real Dust Bowl refugee, and discovery of Geer's who was brought to New York recently especially to appear on this evening's program. "Woody" is a folk singer who chants not only the genuine songs of his region but composes unique and moving ballads of social and topical nature. His most recent effort, which will be heard this Sunday evening, was dedicated to the American Youth Congress members who listened to President Roosevelt recently. It is titled: "Why Did You Stand in the Rain?"

Aunt Molly Jackson Heads Program

Aunt Molly Jackson, Kentucky miner's daughter and miner's wife, whose songs of the miners' lives and their struggles are as well known to New York audiences as to the Southern workers, among whom she performed for many years, will also appear Sunday evening. Alan Lomax, who has done much to call the songs of "Aunt Molly" to public attention in his CBS programs, and who is a folk-song collector for the Library of Congress, will aid Geer as master of ceremonies in the "Grapes of Wrath" program.

Cafe Society will lend the services of the famous "Golden Gate Quartet" for the evening, the same quartet that drew top applause recently at the "Spirituals to Swing" program at Carnegie Hall. Burl Ives, last year of "The Boys From Syracuse" and an Illinois farmer by origin, will strum his guitar and sing Western and Midwestern ditties on the program. Another feature will be a group of Pennsylvania miners, singing for the first time outside their home communities. These miners will offer a number of original work songs as well as the classical folk tunes.

Tickets for this evening of folk songs and ballads may be obtained from TAC at 117 W. 48th St., or from the box office of the Forrest Theatre.

SINGS PEOPLE'S BALLADS

—Daily Worker Photo

"Woody"—that's the name. Straight out of John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath," this troubadour will sing ballads of the people at the Forrest Theatre affair organized by the Tac Music Division this Sunday evening.

Book Notes

Feb. 26 . . . "The Writer and the American Worker," (second lecture in a series of five forums on the Writers' Function in Society Today) will be given by Benjamin Appel, this Sunday at the Dalcroze School of Music, 9 East 59th Street, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the League of American Writers.

Benjamin Appel has just returned from a 15,000-mile auto trip about the country durin which he collected material for his new book, "The People Talk," which will be delivered to Dutton in February for late spring publication. Mr. Appel is the author of "Brain Guy," "Runaround" and "Power House."

Other speakers to appear at these Sunday night forums will include: Henry Hart, Norman Cerwin and Ruth McKenney. The public is admitted.

Film Notes

"Overture to Glory" is in its last week at the Cameo where it will end its run on Sunday. Starring Moishe Oysher and Helen Beverley the film is a re-creation of a Yiddish legend which arose in ghetto of Vilna at the close of the last century.

The picture is spoken in Yiddish with superimposed dialogue tittles in English.

"The Covered Wagon," a James Cruze production with J. Warren Kerrigan, Lois Wilson, Alan Hale and Ernest Torrence is now being presented at the Miami Playhouse Sixth Ave. and Forty-seventh St. as the feature of the eleventh group in a series of silent film revivals.

MOTION PICTURES

RAIMU in The Baker's Wife (La Femme du Boulanger) English Titles by JOHN ERSKINE CONTINUOUS from 11 A.M. WORLD, 49 ST. Thru 7th Ave

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DAILY WORKER SPORTS

NEW YORK, FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1940

Off the Backboard

Eleven Teams in Running for Tourney Spots—and Our Idea of the Six Who'll Make It—Brooklyn Misses Immortality

NYU, Duquesne, De Paul, Oklahoma A. & M., Rice and either St. John's or LIU.

That's our idea of the National Tourney set-up. Four other teams are still in the running for spots in the Basketball World Series but they don't rate over this crop.

Colorado, Rhode Island State, Marshall and Springfield are the others being considered by the Tourney Committee. Colorado is likely to crash in and certainly good enough the others have an edge. The small school teams would be outclassed.

That list of most likely entries is snappy but its too bad that Big Ten champ Purdue can't be induced to come in. Powerful USC would be another natural, especially after that great showing against LIU here. But both conference teams are tied up with the intercollegiate tourney out West.

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St. John's has to win all three of its remaining games to beat out LIU for that Tourney spot. The Redmen are sizzling but have to get by George Washington, St. Francis and Villanova—not a set-up in the lot.

The Indians start out by invading strong Washington tomorrow night. Tough sledding, but the late-coming Indians ought to make it.

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CCNY isn't getting a chance to concentrate on the big traditional wind-up with NYU at the Garden Tuesday night. Because tough little Scranton invades the Beaver gym tomorrow night and that's enough to worry about for one night.

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Spark-plug Al Goldstein and Jack Carpien, best shot on the team right now, are out of this one and that doesn't help any. It's likely that sophs Eddie Edwin or Al Winograd will beat out vets Monitto, Laub and Lozman for the other starting post with that snappy new Gerson - Adler-Scheinkman-Deitchman combine.

Brooklyn College nearly came up with the win of the year against powerful Seton Hall at the Jersey school Wednesday night. Paced by Jules Kasner, the Kingsmen put on a bang-up second half drive to tie the strong unbeatens until the last minute when Frank Delany sunk the winner for Seton, 43-41.

That made it twenty straight for the little Jersey school, which rates with Panzer, Sprigfield and Rhode Island with the East's best small school clubs.

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St. Francis put on the heat to overpower Cathedral, 94-43 Wednesday night. Coach Rody Cooney put in everybody and one of the boys who'd never got into a game this year, Benigno, was high scorer with 20 points.

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Neil Cohalan still couldn't find the right combination and Manhattan wound up by loosing to La-Salle, 46-33, at Convention Hall Wednesday night. Socker Sarullo was the most consistent Jasper, scoring eleven points but the team couldn't click against the very tough Philly outfit.

SCORES

Amherst	40	Rutgers	29
Bates	29	M. I. T.	27
Bradley	37	Ill. Wesleyan	31
Cornell	41	Harvard	34
Drew	45	Wagner	30
Duquesne	39	Carnegie Tech	21
Lafayette	35	Albright	38
La Salle	46	Manhattan	33
Marshall	52	Morris Harvey	51
N. Y. U.	50	Georgetown	27
Panzer	57	Upsala	38
P. M. C.	46	Ursinus	40
Penn St.	55	W. Va.	51
Pittsburgh	57	Fordham	37
Rutgers	47	Lehigh	46
St. Francis	94	Cathedral Col. (N.Y.)	43
Seton Hall	43	Brooklyn Coll.	41
Syracuse	61	Rochester	47
Temple	39	St. Joseph's	14
Yale	52	Columbia	38
Indiana St.	36	Ball St.	31
Newark	56	Bloomfield	31
Youngstown	48	Geneva	45

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and Sunday Worker are 35c per line (6 words to a line — 3 lines minimum).

DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, 5 P.M. Friday.

Tonight

SEAN O'CASEY'S PLAY "Juno and the Paycock," Friday evening, March 1, Mansfield Theatre, 47th St. W. of Broadway. Hugo Gellert, host. Hungarian Democratic Federation Benefit. Tickets at Workers Bookshop, 50 E. 13th St. and at Box Office.

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OAKLEY JOHNSON analyzes "News of the Week" every Friday. All questions answered. Subs. 15c. Ausp. People's Forum, 52 E. 13th St. 8:30 P.M.

A. B. MAGIL lectures, "The War and Civil Liberties." The Progressive Forum, 430 Sixth Ave., 8:15 P.M. Subs. 25c.

POETRY GROUP, Eli Siegel discusses "Emotion in Poetry," 8 P.M. at his studio, 67 Jane St., 5-B (8th Ave.-14th St.). Poetry criticism. Subs. 25c.

RICHARD B. MOORE, prominent lecturer, speaks on "America and the Finnish War." Harry Meloff IWO Center, 868 E. 180th St., Bronx. 8:30 P.M. Subs. 15c.

BEN LEIDER, who fell in Spain. Memorial meeting! Prominent speakers. Palm Manor, 1574 Pitkin Ave., Bklyn. Ausp. Ben Leider Branch 31, IWO. 8:30 P.M.

Tomorrow

FOURTH MUSICALE—"Live" Performances of Beethoven, Brahms, Debussy, Prokofieff, etc., by members of Music Workshop, 66 E. 8th St. Subs. 25c. 8:30 P.M.

GALA OPENING: "We Beg to Differ." Topical, intimate musical revue. At New Theatre League's Studio Theatre, 110 W. 47th St., NYC. Two performances every Saturday night, 9 and 11:30 P.M. Subs. 50c. CH. 4-8198.

Coming

ALFRED GOLDSTEIN reviews the News of the Week this Sunday, March 3rd, 8:30 P.M. Special for this Sunday at Germania Hall, 160 Third Ave. at 16th St. Auspices: Workers School. Adm. 25c.

Chicago, Ill.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ will analyze "What Will Be the Political Changes in 1940?" Sunday, March 3, 7:30 P.M. Belmont Hall, 3205 N. Clark St. Adm. 15c in advance; 25c at door. Lake View Town Hall.

Philadelphia, Pa.

PEOPLE'S FORUM PRESENTS Clarence Hathaway, "An American Looks at Europe." Sunday, March 3, 8:15 P.M. Town Hall Auditorium, 150 N. Broad.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

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NYU Still NumberOne Team, Thanx

Roars Into Startling 2nd Half to Rout Hoya Jinx

By Stan Kurman

The thought that NYU is unbeatable this year sinks in deeper every game. And that unbeatable idea goes for the coming National Tourney, even with such tough visitors as Duquesne, Oklahoma, A. & M. and Colorado slated to come back for the championships.

It hit home when NYU put on its most amazing exhibition of the season to beat old jinx Georgetown, 50-27, at Madison Square Garden Wednesday night.

The mighty Violet had half an off night against Georgetown. The first half was a nightmare. Ball-handling sick instead of slick; passes; spotty instead of spot; shooting; deal instead of deadly. Georgetown wasn't any better though and the Violet led by the public school score of 10-7 at the half. It was a pitcher's battle with bad pitching.

Then NYU came out hot in the second half. Forty points all told with Bobby Lewis again sparking the drive. Bobby set 'em up brilliantly and sunk 'em when they counted. He took even shots from the floor all night, sunk four.

The Hoyas worked the ball in nicely but were woeful marksmen. They also parked up in the second half though, thanks chiefly to a couple of pretty long sets by soph ace Jim Kiernan. But when Georgetown got hot, NYU got hotter. The Violet didn't really pull away so terrifically till the last few minutes, when Red Stevens found the range underneath and layed 'em in to wind up high scorer with fourteen points.

Ben Auerbach played another fine floor game, after faltering in the general first half let-down. Ben wowed the fans when he pulled another of those cute near-the-basket feints that had a bewildered Hoya guard clutching at the air. The pay-off is that Ben muffed the easy lay-up.

The opener which saw very good Pitt rout Fordham, 57-37, was just the reverse of the finale. The first half was snappy. The boys rolled up and down the floor in a continual scoring streak. The Ram looked O. K. then but hit rock bottom in the second half. With all-around ace Ed Straloski pacing a brilliant drive, Pitt swammed all over the Ram sophs.

The Ram, generally considered a next year team, didn't look like a next anything team in its finale for the year. Straloski and Mel Port led the Panther scorers with fourteen points each but smooth floorman Levin was the undersung Pitt standout.

The most exciting game of the night was the 85 pound kids' between the half game, with a brilliant Faber Park team nosing out the Harlem YMCA 15-14. The crowd was wowed by the caliber of play and the all Negro team got a great hand for its pluck uphill fight from behind against the smoother Faber Parkers.

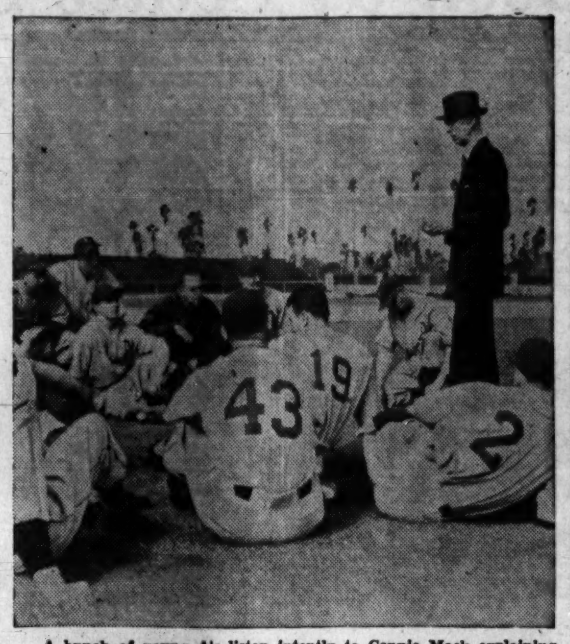
BOX SCORE

N. Y. U. (50)	G.	F.	P.	GEORGETOWN (27)	G.	F.	P.
Lewis, lf	4	0	8	Kiernan, lf	6	0	12
Stevens, rf	5	4	14	O'Grady, rf	1	0	2
Schulman	1	0	2	Giebel, c	1	1	3
Dubinsky, c	2	2	6	Matuza	0	0	0
Lazar	0	0	0	Schmitt, lg	2	2	6
Davidoff	1	0	2	Martin	1	2	4
Auerbach, lg	4	1	9	Rizzi, rg	0	0	0
Kaplowitz, rg	3	3	9				
Total	20	10	50	Total	11	5	27

Browns Begin Training

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 29 (UP). — Mid-summer weather greeted the first squad of St. Louis Browns as they opened spring training today. The thermometer hovered around the 94 degree mark yesterday when the first contingent of batterymen arrived. Of the 22 pitchers and catchers scheduled to start drills, 17 were on hand.

The Old Master and His Hopefuls



A bunch of young A's listen intently to Connie Mack explaining inside baseball at the Anaheim, Cal., camp. Connie's a great baseball strategist but he still hasn't got the player material to hit first division—what's more buck the Yank monopoly.

Gridiron Stars To Compete in College Meet

By Al Stillman

You may not think that a non-contact sport like track draws the same type athlete as does that violent contact sport as football. If you think not you're wrong.

A pretty fair football team can be garnered from the participants in the I. C. 4 A track meet in the Garden Saturday. Many of them stars on the gridiron during the season.

There is Tom Lussen, Yale end, a favorite in the pole vault and Anson Perina, Princeton end, entered in the broad jump. Alfred Blozis, Georgetown tackle, record breaking shot-putter and entered again in that event with Nils Perkins, Bowdoin tackle, in the 35-yard weight throw. For spares we have Fred West, Cornell tackle and Kirk Hershey, Cornell end, both great shakes on the field of honor, and now after the shot put title.

Then there is that Yale beating Penn. boy, Paul Wexler, whose last minute heave in the first half of the gridiron battle, downed the Eli, also in the shot put along with two local boys from Fordham, John Kuzman and Ray Riddick, tackle and end respectively.

Yale end, Brownie Brinkley, is in the high jump, and Cape Burman, from the same school in the 35-pound weight throw. Indian Bill Geyer, a Colgate half-back, will take care of the sprint and broad jump while Army's center, Bill Gillis, is in the sprint and hurdles.

This track meet is the football coaches' delight. It shouldn't be too surprising to see many a football coach scouting a rival player. And the slogan should be: All out to the Garden track meet to see your favorite football star.

BloomingdaleWins Goes Into Labor League Playoffs

Bloomingdale Employes held off their most potent fire for almost an entire half Wednesday night at the Labor Sports Center, but stepped up the pace from there on and won a decisive victory over the Retail Drug Clerks, 36-27. The victory gave Bloomingdale the championship of the Retail League and sent that quintet into the playoff rounds of the Trade Union A. A. tournament, with the Michael J. Quill trophy to be given the top team.

The Drug Clerks opened with a torrid drive, building a 9-4 lead, mainly on hustle and fight under the basket, but the Department Store five caught the Clerks in the final moments of the first half, taking the lead on a pretty pivot shot by Moe Markowski, high scorer for the night with 13 points.

Bloomingdale showed five good ballplayers for long stretches, and, on the word of Nat Shonberg, manager of the defending titleholders, the Office Workers, they must be considered a threat for the Quill trophy. In Markowski, Bloomingdale has the top scoring threat of the three leagues, a dangerous set-shot, but most feared under the basket on pivot and lay-up shots.

Bloomingdale became the third team to enter the semi-final round, leaving only the victor of the league a second round in doubt. Saturday night may see this winner. The Furriers Joint Council can enter the finals with a win over the Office Workers, but can cause a triple-tie by losing.

FINAL STANDINGS IN RETAIL LEAGUE

Bloomingdale	5	1
Drug Clerks	4	2
Sport Clerks	3	2
Hearns	3	3
Sterns	2	3
Sachs	0	5

Henry Tries For Garcia's Title Tonite

Coast Battle Rated Even With KO Chance for Ceferino Seen

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 29 (UP).—The good little man and the good big man who fight it out for the world middleweight boxing title here tomorrow night ended their training routines today in characteristic fashion.

Henry Armstrong, the challenger and the little man, took one last drill, concentrating on speed.

Ceferino Garcia, the champion and the big man, finished work by briefly polishing up his Sunday punch.

For those are the assets on which each is relying for victory in their 10-round encounter. It will be held in Gilmore Stadium before an expected crowd of 27,000 people who are to pay more than $100,000 into the gate. The battle lines were mapped something like this:

Armstrong, former featherweight and lightweight king and present welter champion, tapered off at 140 and is expected to come into the ring at about 141, or 12 pounds less than his Filipino opponent. With such a handicap Henry will use his flailing attack in the hope of bewildering Garcia and keep him off balance.

Garcia, the middleweight titleholder in California and New York, cheked in at 154. He will go into the bout at about 153 and he has been intent in putting his extra beef solidly behind his right arm.

Betting remained at 6-5 and take your pick. The men of the boxing trade have decided that if the bout goes 10 rounds, Armstrong will win the decision, but of course no one knows if it will last that long. If it doesn't, then it is Garcia who is expected to score the knockout.

The managers, Eddie Mead for Armstrong and George Parnassus for Garcia, have agreed that six-ounce gloves will be used and that they will send their boys in with no more than the legal 12-pound difference in weight. A greater one is prohibited in California.

Ticket sales have spurted and the $100,000 mark is almost certain to be broken.

Savold Ill, Fight Off

Lee Savold will have to squelch those title match hopes for awhile.

The Iowa farm boy was taken down with the flu yesterday and forced to call off his slated 12-round bout with Bob Pastor at Madison Square Garden tonight.

Tough break for Lee, who'll have to remain in bed for several days. Another date for the fight will be set next week.

Dodger Pitching Is Bound To Be Much Improved

Even If Mungo and Wyatt Don't Come Through, Staff Looks Better—6 Yanks Still Holding Out—Giant Rookie Impresses

CLEARWATER, Fla., Feb. 29.—After a coupla weeks of looking over his sixteen-man pitching staff down here, Manager Leo Durocher is bearish on Dodger hurling prospects for the year.

Lippy admits its and if gang past Hamlin, Wyatt and Casey but a couple of good breaks and Dodger pitching is likely to blossom out as best in the league.

There's Bee-beater Tot Pressnell, old knuckler Fred Fitzsimmons and slow-baller Vito Tamulis for spots with Ira Hutchinson and Al Hollingsworth for relief. That's how the Dodgers winded up last year, not forgetting of course Van Mungo, who is beginning to show old-time speed already and has Lippy seriously talking comeback for the former ace.

After that there's Bill Crouch, who came back late from Montreal last year and looked O.K. Bill Doyle is another fall arrival who showed stuff.

The rookies who are minor sensations in the camp right now are Max Macon, up from Newar, and Brooklyn's Sam Nahem, up from Nashville. Either or both is likely to stick off current good form although the real acid tests will come with the exhibition games.

And Lippy isn't forgetting Wes Ferrell and Tex Carleton, vets who insist that they've plenty of winning games left.

It's an if pitching staff but there's enough of a basis to lift Dodger flag hopes plenty.

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GIANTS LIKE ROOKIE CATCHER

WINTER HAVEN, Fla., Feb. 29.—The Giants have four catchers down here and with slugging Harry Danning sure of the regular job, only three of them are going back East with the club. And right now it looks like vet second stringer Ken O'Dea is going to be lopped off.

Because rookie Rae Blaemire up from Nashville is a walloping the ball over the lot and turning in nice backstopping jobs in the practice games. Old-timer Ray Hayworth is almost sure to stick because of his excellent coaching help to young pitchers.

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STILL 6 YANK HOLDOUTS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 29.—The holdout situation is about the only worry down here in Yankee headquarters. With Bill Dickey and Spud Chandler in the fold, only six players are holding out.

A quartet of stars are the only serious holdouts though DiMaggio, Rolfe, Gordon and Ruffing are the big four still missing. Two rookies, Will Matheson and Mike Chartak, are also demanding that the club raise the ante.

I'LL MAKE THE GRADE, HUTCH

SEATTLE, Feb. 29 (UP).—Freddy Hutchinson, baseball's $100,000 pitching disappointment of 1939, today figures his comeback chances are excellent—if he is allowed to pitch regularly.

Hutchinson's major league debut last year was a flop, and a decidedly expensive one for Watler Briggs, Tiger owner, who gave up $50,000 cash and three players valued as highly, for an inexperienced youth, who happened to win 25 games in his first full season as a profesisonal.

"All I need is more work," he said here on the eve of his departure." I've got some experience now, and I won't have that 'most expensive rookie reputation to live up to every time I walk out to the pitching mound this year. I don't expect to win as many right away in the major leagues as I did out here with Seattle in the Pacific Coast League, but I know I'm a lot better than my record showed last season."

The strapping youngster will never forget his major league debut. He started against the Yankees. The details of his slaughter are much too horrible for him to repeat. He didn't last two innings, and the ring of that base-hit barrage still echoes through his head. The next day Briggs shipped him to the Tiger farm at Toledo in the American Association.

It took Freddy a few weeks to get going at Toledo, but regular mound duty brought him around, sharpened his control, and he had won nine and lost nine before the Tigers recalled him.

"I'll be in the best physical condition of my life at the beginning of this season," he said, "and if I can get in there enough to keep my control sharp, I'll have a lot better year."

Gordon Signs With Yanks, Raised $3,000

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 29 (UP).—Second Baseman Joe Gordon signed his 1940 contract today and will take his first workout with the New York Yankees tomorrow. Gordon received an increase of $3,000 over his $9,500 salary last year. Gordon's signing left the Yankees with five holdouts.

Readers Rap, Praise and Suggest

Objects to Bummy's Rating

Dear Lester,

Just a few words to you and the sports staff on your swell sports page.

First, I think you hit the spot in your open letter to Joe Louis. It's really fitting that the Daily, which leads the fight against Jim-Crow, should remind Joe of the real purpose of "Finnish" relief.

Now for the knock, since every boost must have a knock.

As a Brownsville lad I want to raise my voice against the undue publicity being given to Al Davis. It is unfortunate, I believe, that there should be developing a conception that "Bummy" in any way represents the Brownsville youth. I agree that the boy is a swell fighter and deserves a break, but I find it very hard to forgive Davis for his stupid rowdyism. I'd like to remind "Bummy" that such swell Brownsville lads as Bernie Friedkin and Henry Cooper manage to be good fighters in the ring without any extra-curricular sparring.

Again, I repeat, Davis does not really represent Brownsville youth. The young people feel a closer kinship to such athletic stars as Sam Kaplan of the Kingston Celtics, Harry Goldstein, former handball champ and Irv Torgoff, former LIU star.

Incidentally Les, the boys and girls of Brownsville are forming a mass anti-war, progressive athletic club. Keep your eyes open for news of the Brownsville Athletic and Cultural Club, which is headed by Sam Kaplan.

Thanks for your kind attention and here's hoping the Daily really becomes America's No. 1 paper.

Jack Rowe, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Thanks for the kind words, Jack. We never meant to imply that the much discussed Bummy is the typical representative of progressive Brownsville youth. Yet he's not really a bad guy at all under his toughness. And isn't it a fact that Davis IS a typical product in a way of an underprivileged neighborhood with "stupid rowdyism" a very easily acquired characterestic for someone who has to battle life noisily without direction?

Liked Letter to Louis

45 W. 47th St.

Lester

That was a good one you wrote to Joe Louis about the Hoover relief. Don't you think it'd be a good idea for Joe to get several thousand such letters? Maybe he would if you told us where to address them and urged a real barrage of such letters. What.

Horace Casselberry

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And thank you Horace. Joe is due in town next week and in the meanwhile you can address him care of 20th Century Sporting Club, Brill Building, New York.

Beef on Basketball

Dear Comrade Rodney,

I propose to carry on a one-man sniping campaign against you and Kurman so long as you two birds wax rapturous over vaunted New York supermacy in basketball. 'Taint't so, and I think I can prove the point conclusively.

You may say that it is merely a difference of opinion and let it go at that. But let's look at the record, as the saying goes. They will clearly show to any impartial observer, that your repeated assertions of supermacy for the locals has no foundation in fact. Not this or any other season either.

Fordham; an in and outer and beaten by Oklahoma and a few more; CCNY; now just coming into its own, but trounced quite handily by all sorts of out-of-town teams; Manhattan; the same story; St. Johns; playing good ball now, but also lost to Colorado and St. Joes among others; LIU a swell team which was only beaten by two exceptional squads in USC and Duquense; Finally NYU a slick ball club that deserves the highest praise for its splendid playing.

What it all adds up to is that, with the sole exception of NYU, all the locals have been beaten frequently when they met really representative teams from various sections of the country. And don't give me that hooey that they have lost only to the best teams of these sections. No. What has happened to the locals this year in intersectional clashes happened last year and so on down the years.

The best cage circuit, you might ask? Well, in the humble opinion of your correspondent, the big ten. Decisively so. In recent years, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, invaded the Garden and whipped the best the locals had to offer, including NYU and LIU. In fact, I don't recall a big ten team ever losing in the Garden. Can you?

But in a more serious vein. There is a scandalous situation existing in the big ten which should be exposed. Owing to some unwritten law, or a "gentleman's" agreement, Negro athletes are not allowed to play on conference cage teams. This is all the more incomprehensible in face of the fact that Negroes have performed brilliantly in other major sports for nearly all conference schools. Such great Negro stars as Slater, Simmons, Harris of Iowa; Bell and Read of Minnesota; Owens, Albritton, Walker of Ohio State; Jefferson of Northwestern; Hubbard, Tolan, Ward and Watson of Michigan; all these and a host of others too numerous to mention have written their names indelibly in big ten annals.

I wish you'd bring this shameful discrimination to light in your column.

Leonard Goldberg

P.S. I hail from the Midwest.

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No one section has a monopoly on basketball talent of course, Leonard, but New York certainly is at least as good as any with LIU and NYU the undisputed best in the land for the past two years, eh? And as for the other teams, it bears repeating that only the best come into the Garden to face the locals as they happen to be. Next year for instance, I'd take CCNY to beat Santa Clara and Fordham to beat Oklahoma. The Big Ten situation is being fought more and more by students in the mid-west colleges as Negroes star in football and track.

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